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Tabor Students Enjoy Clear Day

Mattapoisett Land Trust

By Mick Colageo

Nature hides in plain sight and when discovered, brings unexpected rewards.

That was the collective sentiment on April 19 when approximately 20 students and three staff from Tabor Academy joined the Mattapoisett Land Trust as volunteers to help clean out a new walking trail on a parcel of land acquired last year by the MLT.

The contingent heard from the Mike Huguenin before splitting up into groups on a trail that needed stumps pulled, protruding limbs clipped and many drum-sized segments of a tree chain-sawn by Paul Osenkowski carried to wet areas for strategic placement ensuring the continuation of the new walking trail.

"I think I needed this break from coursework and everything," said Fred Lin, an 18-year-old junior from Dalian, China who was working alongside 15-year-old sophomore Carl Qiu of Beijing.

"This is a pretty cool experience for us, to explore the nature," said Qiu, for whom the experience was not a regular part of growing up. "Not really, because in Beijing, it's more like an urban place. It's a pretty special experience to, like, do something like this in a school day."

"It's kind of like needed in a way. It's very ... therapeutic. Being outside is really nice. The weather's good too. It's not too hot, it's not too cold, kind of perfect," said Camila Diaz, a Tabor Academy junior from New Jersey. "I think this is the first one this year where we have gone out, trying to help the community in this sense. Usually, it would just be a beach cleanup nearby."

Diaz, who also participated when Special Olympics athletes visited the Tabor campus for activities in the fall, said even some of the classwork at Tabor takes the students outside.

"We'll go to the waterfront and have a look around, take some samples, things like that," she said, noting her interest in pursuing study in environmental science.

Freshmen Charlie Webb of Barnstable and Nick Parks of Marion worked together, yanking stumps out of the hard ground. It was their second workday of the academic year, having spent some hours in the fall on a Massachusetts potato farm.

Both students play soccer in the fall. Webb wrestled in the winter, and Parks played hockey. Baseball and sailing divide them in the spring, but Webb wants to give hockey another try next year. "If I kept playing hockey, this would have been my 10th year. I miss it," he said.

According to Andrew McCain of the Tabor Admissions office, the entire student body was engaged in the spring-season service day on April 19 in various activities.

"We're all over the place," said McCain, who brought a group he has worked with throughout the school year to the MLT's path-clearing event. "Today, we're using those groups to do community service. So it's

On the Cover: *Tabor Academy junior Fred Lin of Dalian, China, carries a segment of a tree chain-sawed by Paul Osenkowski to a needed spot during the April 19 clearing of a walking trail through a 14-acre property bought last year by the Mattapoisett Land Trust. Tabor was well represented on the site by student and faculty volunteers. Photo by Mick Colageo*

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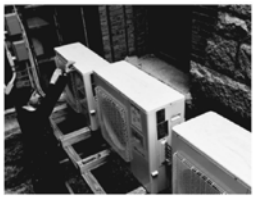

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three faculty members here with three different groups."

Tabor Academy was also represented on the path by Stephanie Whitworth, Tabor's director of Financial Aid and Coke Whitworth, Tabor's photography teacher and boys' basketball coach.

The school holds two service days per academic year, one in the fall and one in the spring. On a monthly basis, students join their Tabor Experience Group for an extracurricular activity. While most students are playing sports at a competitive or recreational level, a community-service group in all three seasons serves as a cocurricular alternative.

"Part of this was the faculty members have a relationship with community-service organizations, so we try to make that the first way to do it. Stephanie knew Mike, and Steph and I work together in the Admissions office," explained McCain.

The land, a priority habitat for the Eastern Box Turtle, became available after it had been owned for two decades by a couple of men who had designs on building homes there until one of them moved to Florida.

Huguenin estimates that the property theoretically could have hosted two residential, buildable lots. He said there are "plenty of dry places" on the land but acknowledged severe financial challenges in accessing such a site and conducting infrastructural responsibilities.

The MLT bought the 14-acre plot in 2022 for $110,000. Together with two donated acres, the 16-acre site connects to pathways previously established by the MLT and also by abutting resident Kimberly Ward, who was thrilled to participate in a clearing effort that would connect the MLT's emerging path to one she had cut on her own property.

While Qiu would compete later that day as a number-three doubles player on Tabor's tennis team in a home match against Belmont Hill, Lin recently took up filming the lacrosse team.

"I basically go to every game and I've got film, their highlights and clips, and then post it on Instagram and YouTube. I think that's pretty important for the team, and also it's a really interesting thing to do because not a lot of people are doing it. It's a fun activity. It's also a

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good chance to embrace nature," said Lin, a soccer player who wants to attend college in the United States. "I feel the same thing when I'm managing the media site. We have two games a week, and after every game, I need to rewatch it and select the things I think deserve to be put in video use."

Lin wasn't holding a camera on April 19, but he holds a memory now of an unusual day well spent.

'Old Days' in the City

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

My friend Andy lives out in the country where the deer roam his back yard, and the antelope play. Just kidding, there are no antelope. But a rafter of wild turkeys do visit from time to time. Truth be told, he lives just across the harbor from the town wharf, but the country is what he calls his wooded environs.

Every once in a while, usually on a sunny day, he ventures into "the city," which is what he calls our humble village, in his antique roadster convertible to

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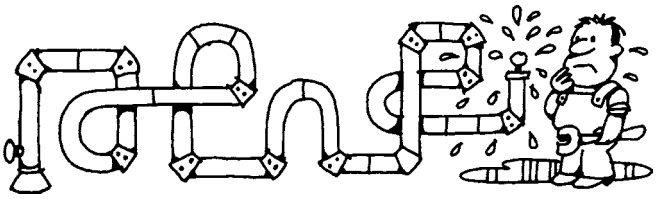

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access any changes that have occurred since his last visit. Which is to say not many. He and I have been around these parts for much of the three-quarters of a century that we have lived (yikes!)

On second thought, there has indeed been much change in "the city."

When Andy and I grew up, the population hovered around 2,000. Between the two of us, it seemed as though we knew most everyone. Now it is over 6,500, and we hardly know anybody. You could walk down Church Street and always see someone you knew. It seemed as though we knew every kid, their parents, their grandparents, and their cousins, cats and canaries. We knew all the police officers and the firefighters, the folks down at the post office, the schoolteachers, the butcher, the baker ... and even most of the summer people. Not anymore.

Walk past the Congregational Church and you'd pass Enoch Winslow's boat shop at the corner of Barstow Street to arrive at E.A. Walsh's General Store across from Center School. The building looked like it was ready to collapse, the floor was rickety and the candy was there for the stealing. A nice cottage sits on that spot now.

You could grab a 25-cent greasy hamburger at Tony's PX. After many incarnations, it was torn down, and a nice house replaced it. It was next to my dad's barber shop where old men would gather to solve the world's problems. They called themselves the Professional Loafers Club, an apt name for this batch of "townie" retirees. Next door to the barber shop was the Washburn house with its grand front porch where teenage boys would sit drinking RC Colas and toss the empty bottles into the alley between the buildings, which became known as Glass Alley.

The Post Office was next door with rows of brass mailboxes with combination locks and a tiny, barred window where you could buy stamps. It moved on up to Route 6 across the street from the Cape Cod Cabinet Shop builders of fine cabinetry. I can still remember the smell of freshly sawn wood. Webster Bank rests there now.

Across the highway was the Big 3 Hardware store, now a "mall" which houses a restaurant, a small market and assorted shops. I worked in the hardware store one day ... literally. It was a boring job, so I quit to work at the Hagen Toy Factory, which was next to the old fire station and is now offices. It was an awful job. Live and learn. Later I worked for a local carpenter building houses. Maybe all the growth and change may be partly my fault.

Back in the village past the old Post Office was Sylvia's Grocery, with its hand painted "specials" signs hanging in the windows. It is now a residence. So is Romeo's liquor shop down by the wharf across from the Holiday House, which became the Mattapoisett Inn, then the Kinsale Inn and is now the Inn on Shipyard Park.

The building where old Dr. Mysliwy, our dentist, practiced his torture with a hammer and chisel in an old cast-iron chair with only the view out the back window as anesthesia, became a health food store, then a bookstore, then a bakery, and is now the new general store.

The police station was in the basement of the Town Hall across the street from a hardware store, which became Ed Vallador's antiques store, which later became Hal Peterson's coin shop. Hal had a radio talk show on WBSM and lived across from the tennis courts. The shop was turned into rental housing and is now condominiums. The village was bustling.

The Universalist church is now apartments. It was across the street from the Presto Press, *The Wanderer's* predecessor. Frank's Market, which was on the highway

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Meiling's Chinese restaurant, which was across the street from the Pilot House Diner, and all six houses (recently torn down) next to it are all gone. Larriviere's drug store at the corner of Route 6 and Main Street became many things including a deli, a tile store and is now the Tastebuds Bistro. The field out back of my house where the circus used to set up now has a funeral home perched upon it, more condominiums, the police station, and our new fire station. Got all that?

Thankfully, I know of a couple of things that haven't changed. My friend Andy and me. We look exactly the same as we did in high school. I swear it. Besides, there aren't many folks left around we know who can say otherwise.

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on …." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

By Marilou Newell

Laughter is good for the soul. No, no wait. Laughter is good for the body and soul, and no one knows that better than those artists who ply their talents in an industry that continues to generate guffaws, chuckles, smiles, or just a confirming nod that itself says, "I get it." Enter the cartoonists.

On April 20, the Mattapoisett Council on Aging hosted an hour-long conversation with award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski, whose view of the human condition and all its really humorous pratfalls was as

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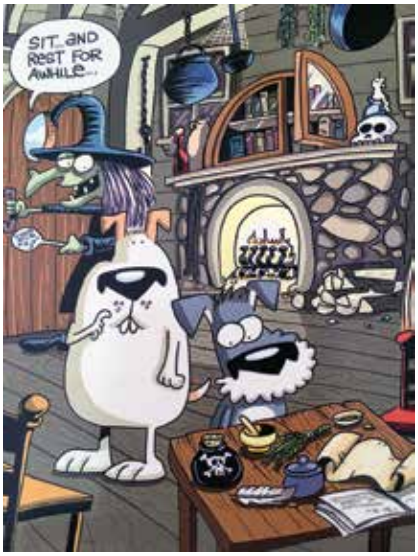

Stromoski had a dream. He wanted to draw and tell funny stories through his artwork. He was enraptured by Charles Schulz and thrilled by what he eagerly consumed from MAD magazine as a youth, but it was a grade-school teacher who really helped Stromoski explore the depth of his burgeoning talent. The teacher made a deal with the young Stromoski: If he did his schoolwork and kept his grades up, she'd allow him free time to draw. He had to keep a B-average. He scored an A. BINGO!

But when it came to moving on into the higher-education phase of life, college was not for Stromoski. Coming from a family of 12 children, tuition for college was out of the question anyway.

"I studied everything from books and artist's magazines," he said. "(MAD magazine) had no sacred cows, everything was on the plate. There were about 12 artists, and they were all my heroes." He said each artist had their own style, thus he learned a variety of techniques and methods for not only drawing comic pieces but finding the humor to deliver it in his own way to the public.

"Ideas come from first and foremost focusing on one thing, (such as) word play, drawing cliches … cartoonists tell stories with or without words."

Stromoski is the creator of the popular strip "Soup to Nutz." He explained the process for submitting cartoons to publishers and newspaper syndicates and the thrill of receiving his first paycheck, the princely sum of 7 dollars. But that didn't matter, he was doing what he

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Like so many who have gone before him, Stromoski gets his best ideas from his own, rather large family. "Dinnertime in a family of twelve is like a zebra running on the Serengeti!" he said.

The tools of his trade may have changed over the decades, but the origin of humor remains much the same – people.

Today, instead of drawing on paper using inks and colored pencils, Stromoski uses digital software. "It's an amazing tool," he said, explaining that using a touchpad is much like traditional drawing methods, only more forgiving. "It's improved production."

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There is a major downside, however. "We don't produce original works of art," he said. Today, drawings done by famous cartoonists can earn vast sums, but the art market is a fickle creature. "People don't really buy that much anymore."

What has happened with the advent of computer graphics is the speed with which cartoons can be created, freeing up artists to do other artistic pursuits. For Stromoski, that is producing graphic novels.

This genre of publication is on the rise and is giving cartoonists a new place to create, not only the single-pane gag but full, two-page spreads with a story line that captures the attention of the young and or the young at heart. It is also saving careers.

Stromoski lamented the slow death of print media at not only killing off news, especially at the local level, but also the outlet by which cartoonists reached an audience. But the graphic novel is filling that void. Where his comic strip "Soup to Nutz" enjoyed 18 years entertaining its followers, now through the graphic-novel format Schnozzer and Tatertoes have come alive.

He said the target age for his graphic novels is the six to nine-year-old camp, but I reckon anyone who likes the silly, weird or just plain funny stuff will want to tag along with these characters as they (as his promotional material asserts) "… TAKE A HIKE … an epic journey as they encounter killer bees, quicksand, angry bears and even nose spiders (Sterling Publishing Company, Incorporated 2023.)" To learn more, visit rickstromoski.com.

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By Jeffrey D. Wagner

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from Eversource, met with Marion Select Board members on April 19 to discuss these plans.

Earle and Benjamins informed the board that it and other towns would be part of a study that will cause consumer bills in these five communities to spike by 25 cents. Revenue generated from this and other sources will allow solar developers to offset their costs toward developing solar energy. All Eversource customers in these communities will be billed the extra 25 cents each month.

With more solar and clean energy available, consumers in these towns will also be able to tap into the system to offset energy bills, according to Earle and Benjamins.

Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

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Benjamins said Eversource is working with the state and the federal government for funding and support to not only increase the number of solar projects but to increase the offshore and other wind projects.

Eversource plans on using some of this revenue to make $119 million in infrastructure improvements, including its transformers, lines and substations.

"We'll be doing a lot of work on the poles and wires you see in the streets," Earle said.

The program is estimated to generate 348 megawatts in solar energy.

"Electricity rates will decrease when we are no longer relying on things that are driven by gas and fuel and how much is being used. Solar and offshore wind will be a consistent source of energy," Benjamins said.

Benjamins said the presence of electric cars has shifted the dynamic, calling on more electricity from the grid.

Select Board member Toby Burr said there is one solar project in town that is stalling due to interconnection fees.

Earle said the program is designed to fast-track some of these projects, allowing more clean energy to come into the community.

By 2050, Eversource and the state Department of Energy Resources hope to dramatically increase offshore and onshore wind usage, as well as solar.

In fact, Benjamins said Eversource is looking at land in Mattapoisett for a wind-energy opportunity.

Select Board members asked for period updates on this program and the project.

In other board news, the meeting last week took less than an hour as the board conducted routine business.

Shelly Richins was appointed to the Historical Commission and Select Board member Norm Hills was appointed as the board representative on the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD.)

Officials announced that the annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, at Sippican Elementary School and the Select Board's "pre-Town

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Meeting" will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at the Music Hall. Both meetings are scheduled for 6:45 pm.

One Vote to Decide Green Communities, Stretch Code

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board made a significant, last-minute change to the Annual Town Meeting warrant, as they reviewed the draft articles on Monday night. The board followed member Brad Morse's recommendation to combine all the measures on the warrant related to withdrawing from being a designated Green Community into one article.

Article 29 proposed rescinding the Town Meeting's previous vote to adopt the Stretch energy codes that tighten the base building codes in the name of more energy-efficient construction but are an expensive part of being a Green Community.

Morse said he wanted to rescind the town's Stretch codes and withdraw from the Green Communities program in one article. Town Administrator Glenn Cannon said he felt the town should rescind the code itself first. Morse wondered aloud what would happen if one article passes and the other article fails. This is the better way, Morse said, and the board agreed, combining both measures into one article.

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voted to recommend the warrant articles, their discussion revealed that another highlight will be a move to change the town clerk's position from elected to appointed.

Select Board member Paul Ciaburri asked if the town would be able to go back to an elected town clerk if it so chose after the Town Meeting vote. Town Clerk Paul Dawson, attending the meeting remotely on Zoom, said he did not know, and the town would have to refer the question to Town Counsel.

Discussion of Article 4, the FY2024 budget, featured Select Board member Brad Morse questioning why an executive assistant was being upgraded to a higher salary. He said this is a position under the Select Board office's jurisdiction and the board should have been a part of the personnel decision. Both the Select Board and the Finance Committee approved this article but hinted they may re-address this concern at Town Meeting.

The town will be asked to fund $100,000 for the first year of a reconstruction plan for Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School. An article to fund a new storage shed for the Highway Department will be removed, as will a move to purchase 15 acres of land on Mendell Road, a measure tied to plans to build a new fire station.

In his report following the review, Cannon announced that childcare services will be available at Rochester Memorial School during the Town Meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, May 22.

In other action, the board approved Police Chief Robert Small's recommendation to appoint Daniel

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Allende, a resident of Fairhaven, as a new part-time Rochester Police officer, and it reappointed Sharon Cruz to the Old Colony School Committee.

The Select Board then approved raising building inspection fees and instituting new ground-mounted, solar-project inspection fees. Prior to this vote, Cannon revealed the state of these fees last July was the reason a town building commissioner resigned quickly after taking the job last summer. "The building commissioner resigned because we hadn't raised our inspection fees and pay in seven years," Cannon said. "We lost a good building inspector because of this."

As recommended by current Building Commissioner Paul Boucher, the building inspection fee will climb from $25 to $50. The new fees for ground-mounted, solar-project inspections will be $12 per 1,000 square feet of a building and $6 per 1,000 square feet of electrical work.

Next, the panel approved Rochester Country Fair president Kelly Sullivan-Morgado's recommendation that structures and other property remaining at the Country Fairgrounds on Pine Street all be declared surplus.

"We've closed the fair," Sullivan-Morgado said with some regret in her voice. "I had to list all of the fair's assets. It was a large list I had to narrow down to small."

She said the Select Board must vote what to do with all or most of it. The ensuing discussion revealed that sheds on the site that were donated by private parties will go back to those people. The Fair Committee will donate a tractor and a monitoring board to the Westport Fair. Money in the town's Fair Account totaling $18,000 will likely be dispersed as scholarships. The town owns three box trailers at the site. These are among the items that will be declared surplus for Cannon to dispose as he sees fit.

For the rest of these surplus items, Sullivan-Morgado said, "we'll soon get a big dumpster down there."

The Select Board then appointed a Steering Committee for the new Master Plan project. These members will be: Arnie Johnson and Nancy Durfee to focus on Land Use; Brad Morse, Economic Development; Matthew Monteiro, Historic and Land Trust; Andrew Daniel, Services and Facilities; Jeff Eldridge, Transportation; David Hughes, Open Space and Recreation; and Jordan Latham, Natural and Cultural Resources.

The board will next meet on Monday, May 1, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, for an agenda that will include signing the warrant for Town Meeting.

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MOU Paves Way for Phase 1b

Mattapoisett Select Board and Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

It was received as good news when on April 25, three business days after the Mattapoisett Select Board meeting held April 20, it was learned that Phase 1b of the

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Select Board member Jordan Collyer, who has taken the lead on dealing with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation on the Memorandum of Understanding, told The Wanderer on Tuesday that they have received an acceptable MOU.

"The board plans on meeting Thursday (April 27 at 6:00 pm) to review the MOU. I can't speak for the board, but I'm comfortable with it," said Collyer.

This comes after the April 20 Select Board meeting in which Collyer railed against "name calling" on Facebook that he said, "wouldn't solve anything." He said that language and specifically the word "maintenance" without a definition as to just exactly what maintenance might mean in this context was the problem.

Now with this resolved, plans are underway for opening the security gate and letting the public, at long last, enjoy the pathway from Fairhaven to Mattapoisett village.

It took some time on April 20 for the Mattapoisett Select Board and Finance Committee to review Article One, Elected Officers' Compensation. The sticking points were two pay raises being requested, one by the current Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger and the other by the Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer.

The meeting established which articles the board and the committee would support or decline support during the May 8 Town Meeting. The board and the committee had already reviewed budgets with all department heads leading up to the meeting, but Finance Committee Chairman Pat Donoghue questioned Bauer's requested $7,500 increase, which would bring his salary up to $87,500.

Donoghue asked, "What message are we sending the other town employees? I'm troubled by this." Member Kevin Geraghty said that the salary was originally set at a lower level than that of former surveyor Barry Denham, who had held the position for over 20 years.

"Garrett took a haircut, we gave him a reduced rate. He runs a good ship," said Collyer, noting that during bad weather, roads remain open, that Bauer has a degree and that market rate for a job such as his ranges between $90,000 and $95,000. "If we had to look for a qualified person, we'd be paying more," he said.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco noted that Bauer holds a CDL license and that when necessary, "…is in the ditches doing the work."

Also adding her support for the increase was Select Board member Jodi Bauer. "He puts in a lot. You are getting a lot for your buck. He could be gone," she said.

Lorenco said that Garrett Bauer had been looking at salaries paid in private industry as well as other towns to compare. "Yes, increases should be based on merit," said Lorenco, adding that Bauer "was at the low end."

Donoghue was steadfast in her belief that it

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appeared as though elected officials were getting more. "I went to Town Hall and said the streets aren't being cleaned. I was told we don't have the people to do the work. Why aren't we looking at that?" she asked.

Regarding the town clerk's requested increase of $3,600 to a salary of $75,000, Lorenco said Heuberger's current salary of $71,400 was in line with other communities.

When the two groups voted whether or not to support the pay increases in Article One, the Finance Committee members were all in favor, except Donoghue. The Select Board voted unanimously for Article One.

The proposed compensation in Article One reads: Moderator $290 up from $282; Board of Selectmen Chairman $5,945 up from $5,829, Board of Selectmen members each $5,358 up from $5,253, Assessors each $5,358 up from $5,253, Town Clerk $75,000 up from $71,400, Board of Health each $678 up from $696, Highway Surveyor $87,500 up from $80,000, Mattapoisett School Committee each $692 up from $687, Water/Sewer Commissioners each $678 up from $692, Tree Warden $10,500 up from $10,083, and Herring Inspector $988 up from $968.

While Article One garnered a large piece of the meeting, Article Two General Operating Budget was swiftly and unanimously (by both the board and the committee) supported at $32,405,674.

Article Three asks voters to appropriate $204,000 for OPEB liabilities, Article Four $160,000 appropriation for the School Assessment Stabilization Fund, Article Five to authorize Departmental Revolving Fund expenditure limits, Article Six $45,000 for Cyclical Annual Property Revaluation and Town Mapping, Article Seven $4,500 for actuarial analysis of the Town's OPEB liability, Article Eight Personnel Schedules and Article Nine Acceptance of the Capital Planning Committee report.

Regarding the Capital Planning Committee Requests and planning are listed in Article Ten as follows: $20,000 for a security server for local schools, $170,000 CAT Backhoe/Loader, $19,000 replacement of fire panel in schools, $55,000 Fire Department SUV, $65,000 Police cruiser, Road Improvements $250,000, $19,500 school kitchen oven, $48,150 roof soffits and gutters for schools, $45,000 library carpet replacement lower level, $85,000 library slate-roof repairs, $35,000 Town Hall study, $20,000 repair window seals at schools, $25,000 replace VCT flooring in schools, $25,000 furniture and equipment replacements for Town Hall, $15,000 reorganization, repairs and cleanup at the Transfer Station.

Waterfront Department requests are: $30,000 for Long Wharf boring study and $35,000 for dredging of the inner harbor. Water Department needs are: $120,000 village watermain replacement, $30,000 lead and copper study and plan and $30,000 for well upgrades. The Sewer Department is requesting $35,000 for lift-station upgrades.

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borrowing of $3,700,000 for necessary Fairhaven Sewer Treatment Plant upgrades. Article Twelve asks voters to approve the appropriation of $4,830,000 for the purchase of approximately 241 acres of primarily agricultural lands in the Mattapoisett River Valley for the purposes of conserving the area for drinking-water protection. The article notes that grants from the Community Preservation Act and other entities will be sought.

Article Thirteen $48,000 for the Old Colony Debt Authorization for Feasibility Study is requested from member communities based on enrollment so that school expansion options and upgrades can be explored, and Article Fourteen will appropriate $1,437,000 for reconstruction of Oakland and Pearl Streets.

Articles Fifteen through Twenty allocate revenues for the Community Preservation Act, with $25,300 for Housing, $25,300 Historic Preservation, $25,300 Open Space and $115,000 Budgeted Reserve. Article 16-20 are FY24 grant requests from: Mattapoisett Historical Commission for survey funding $15,000, Florence Eastman American Legion Post 280 for ADA improvements and restroom repairs, Mattapoisett Housing Authority for window replacements and other repairs $150,000 and Mattapoisett Christian Church/ Museum for damaged exterior walls, windows, and other improvements $38,000.

Article Twenty-One Water Reserve Account appropriates $10,000 from Water Retained Earnings

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for establishing a reserve for unforeseen expenses and the same for Article Twenty-two for the Sewer Reserve Account.

Article Twenty-Three would reduce property-tax obligations for those veterans who perform volunteer services, Article Twenty-Four would beef up the language in Mattapoisett's General Bylaws regarding the removal of trees on scenic roadways, and Article Twenty-Five would establish a Cemetery Commission for the purposes of developing care planning and to act as facilitators for the Barlow and Hammond cemeteries.

Articles Twenty-Six, Twenty-Seven and Twenty-Eight seek to amend and/or modify appointment of alternate members placed on the Capital Planning, Finance and Conservation Commission.

Article Twenty-Nine would amend the town's Dog Waste Bylaw in an effort to improve adherence to dog-waste removal by responsible parties. Article Thirty would ban the sale of "nips" in an effort to control trash pollution along public roadways, and Article Thirty-One would allow the Town to exit the landfill agreement, which is unsigned, with NEXAMP for property located at the Transfer Station.

Before the joint meeting began, the Select Board voted to accept July 4th Road Race route changes that will now avoid travel along Route 6. They also approved a request from Tastebuds for outdoor dining during the summer season. The board also approved the spending of $34,450 for test borings on Long Wharf.

Town-sponsored student scholarships were discussed having received two applications recently. The fund currently holds $4,500, monies donated by property owners. They tabled a decision on how much to gift the students.

The Select Board also voted to appoint Ben Church as a full-time Police officer.

The Mattapoisett Select Board plans to meet on Thursday, April 27, at 6:00 pm to review the MOU related to the Bike Path. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium. The next regular meeting of the Select Board has not been announced.

Field's Drainage Plan Approved

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

The April 20 Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals meeting issued a Variance and Special Permit to David Halle, 23 Grand View Avenue, for the construction of a detached 28x32-foot garage but not before hearing from abutters regarding flooding issues since construction of two homes on the adjacent lots.

Representing Halle was Bob Field of Field Engineering, who listened intently to neighbors' concerns. Field explained in detail plans to tie drainage piping to a detention area and the construction of a swale that would

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provide a barrier to adjoining lots. The board members were unanimous in their approval.

Also heard were requests from Chase Wingate, 42 River Road, seeking a Special Permit for the construction of a family-related apartment for Debra Martin. The parcel is a 3.85 acre site allowing for setbacks as required by zoning regulations. Member Jordan Rodrigues commented, "We regularly allow these." The Special Permit was unanimously approved.

Also unanimously approved were Special Permits for Andrew Perkins, 10 Pinehurst Avenue, for the construction of a 12x24-foot addition, and Mark Hall for the construction of a single-family home on Laurel Street. This project has also been conditioned by the Conservation Commission.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals has been scheduled for Thursday, May 18, at 6:00 pm if there are cases to be heard.

Fire Chief Pleased with Concept

Rochester Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study Committee

By Mick Colageo

Rochester Fire Chief Scott Weigel liked what he saw in the Master Plan-type development presented by Cambridge-based architect Ted Galante during Tuesday's public meeting of the Rochester Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study Committee.

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about on the Fire Department side," said Weigel.

The last version seen by Rochester Chief of Police Robert Small had been different, but he, too, eagerly looked forward to digesting a print version of Tuesday's presentation and giving Galante the feedback he requests.

Public-safety-building-specific construction costs, according to two independent estimators, said Galante, rose $40 within a week's time from $820 per square foot to $860.

The conceptual design was divided into three categories: modifications to the existing Police Station, a new Fire Station proposed for the Fairgrounds near the Acushnet town line and a potential substation off High Street.

Hard construction costs are estimated to be $24,131,000 for a new, 28,000 square-foot fire station, $7,300,000 for a renovated, expanded police station and $8,182,040 for a substation.

Soft costs, which were not discussed, are believed by committee members to reach one third of the hard construction costs.

Achieving a conceptual design is but a baby step in what is expected to be a lengthy process that may not make it to Town Meeting floor until 2024.

Galante, who appeared live via Zoom to a hybrid meeting evenly divided between remote participants and those in the Town Hall meeting room, said he will send the committee members digital and print versions aimed at developing a conceptual design reflecting conversations with respective Fire and Police personnel.

With Rochester population expected to significantly increase via east-side projects such as Steen Realty's approved but not yet built residential/commercial development at the junction of Routes 28 and 58, services will be needed and response time to emergencies significantly shortened. A High Street substation would cut in half the current response time to the Route 28 area.

Meantime, the existing Police Station is being targeted for a makeover that would replace the existing sallyport and small meeting room with site modifications and the addition of a new, expanded sallyport and a one-story extension.

Galante plans to expand the 2,300 square-foot building to use existing attic space. Noting that the upstairs is limited by lower ceilings in some areas, he suggested only some of the space is usable for items such as the evidence office, records and armory. Washrooms and locker rooms would remain in place, but renovation of a portion of the building would attempt to capture all of the programming.

"There's not a ton of expansion up in that area, but it makes sense to use some of that attic space," he said.

Expansion would result in 5,400 square feet of new building area. The reconstruction would bring about an expanded bay and processing, booking, holding

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and cells all in one, secured area. Administrative offices and interrogation would be adjacent. Revisions would include an IT room and placeholders for different existing elements.

Work would also be done to get the HVAC equipment off the ground.

The proposed ground floor of the new Fire Station combines a 118x96-foot apparatus bay attached to a 99x105-foot operations center.

On the second floor would be two sets of stairs, one earmarked for egress and another designed to operate in both directions. There would be a retreat area, bunk rooms with windows to the outside, each room using gender-nonspecific restrooms. Fitness and laundry would also be located upstairs, and the fitness room located strategically placed to avoid bringing noise into the downstairs training room.

The 80x90-foot substation is based on a 9.514 square-foot space aimed solely at function and proximity to an emerging need.

"We think they're at a pretty good design place for feedback from the departments," said Galante. "We're not trying to do anything fancy here..."

Committee member Andrew Daniel suggested copying plans for the Fire Department's exercise room in the renovated Police Station if possible. Galante agreed.

Once Small has had ample opportunity to inspect the conceptual design presented Tuesday, he will meet with Galante to offer specific feedback.

"We'll probably have a good amount of this wrapped up in the next two to three weeks," said Galante.

Due to problems with audio transmission of the Zoom call during comments attempted from the Town Hall meeting room, the call was switched to speaker phone. Galante asked for follow-up comments.

The next meeting of the Rochester Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study Committee has not been scheduled.

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Applications Need Sprucing

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board critically reviewed rather than approved the projects they were presented on Tuesday night.

The panel started with informal discussions over site plans for a marijuana retail establishment on Cranberry Highway and a native tree and wildflowers nursery at 157 Vaughn Hill Road.

Megan's Organic Market, the marijuana retail facility, will be located at 621 County Road and will be one of two stores on a 7,500 square-foot pad. It will include 44 parking spaces, a front entrance for customers and a rear entrance for deliveries, and all drainage will be underground, said project representative Phil Cordeiro.

Board member Ben Bailey expressed concern that the marijuana shop, according to the measurement scale on the informal plan, might sit less than 500 feet away from a daycare center, which state law forbids. Board Chairman Arnold Johnson instructed Cordeiro to return with the list of waivers being requested on the project's formal application.

Charles Anderson said he and his wife Jennifer are from Virginia, where their nursery business started, and have recently moved to Mattapoisett. "Tree Talk Natives" on Vaughn Hill Road is his wife's creation. On 2½ acres will sit an 8x10-foot shed, a parking area and strips of land for the trees and shrubs that will be grown in large pots. "We grow everything from seedlings," he said.

Board members criticized the plan the Andersons presented as not being as detailed as the panel needs them to be for a firm, formal decision. They even criticized the list of waivers presented as too vague.

The Andersons said they were trying to avoid the huge expense of an engineered plan but agreed to create a more formal, detailed layout plan and return with it with their formal application.

Next, the board reviewed the draft decision to approve a canopied, solar-energy array at Rochester Memorial School. Here, too, the panel stopped short of voting a decision.

Project representatives asked if the screening of the site from abutters had to be completed by the time

construction started. The board responded pointedly that this was, indeed, an important requirement. "With every one of our solar projects," Johnson said, "we've required building the screen first. We've never wavered from that."

The ensuing discussion also revealed the construction may still be ongoing when the 2023-24 school year begins in September.

The board said that means more revisions to the draft plan. A life safety plan must now be included. Johnson said that plan will be added, "Then maybe we can bring this to a vote."

Next, the board reviewed a complaint from Conservation Commission member William Clapp that when he met with the board on November 16 seeking approval of two 1-1 lots, he was wronged when Johnson said his lots "don't pass muster."

It made him consider spending money on his plans on the assumption Johnson was right. Clapp asked for Johnson's apology for being wrong about his lots. He recently told The Wanderer he would go to the Ethics Commission if he did not receive that apology. "If I took his advice," Clapp said, "I would have lost out on developing a second lot that would have caused me a financial hardship."

Johnson apologized, but Bailey added that the Planning Board did approve Clapp's lots that night and asserted that Clapp would have had no loss to take to an Ethics-based lawsuit. "If you made a financial decision based on a rumor, that's on you," said Bailey.

Clapp said he was satisfied.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board was not announced upon adjournment.

MassDEP Takes Case

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The April 24 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission included a request by the commission that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection take over a case, given the local commission has heretofore not received property-owner compliance.

The issues stem from disturbances on a coastal bank located at 41 Cove Street owned by William Sylvia. The commission received notification that beach sand that would have required soil analysis was being added to the barrier beach on the property without permission. Chairman Mike King said the DEP would review the Order of Conditions originally issued to Sylvia and work towards compliance.

Another case that included noncompliance became part of a Notice of Intent filing by Earl Miranda, to whom the commission has reached out over the past several years regarding activities on his 28 Meadowbrook Lane property.

After the commission was alerted by the

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Assessor's Office that possible, unpermitted activities were taking place on property owned by Miranda, the commission contacted him so he might explain his plan for the property. On April 24, David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., represented Miranda and rolled out his plan. That NOI filing was for the construction of a 24x24-foot detached garage.

The Assessor's Office had reported to the commission that changes to the property and building were valued at more than $25,000 but had not been reported or permitted. Wishing to bring matters to an amicable closure, King asked Davignon to set up a preconstruction meeting that would grant the commission the opportunity to make a site visit and advise Miranda on what he could and could not do on the property pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act. Davignon agreed that would be beneficial.

In other business, a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Michael Esposito for improvements to his drainage system received a Negative Determination of Applicability. A NOI filed by Dennis Arsenault, Brandt Island Road, for the construction of a single-family home was conditioned.

A NOI filed by Stephen Cook Family Realty Trust, 7 Holly Street, for the installation of a new septic system was conditioned but not before Conservation Agent Brandon Faneuf voiced his concerns that part of the groundwater drainage system might "squeeze" the groundwater, causing it to push up and possibly flood neighboring yards. King said he had confidence in the design Davignon presented. The NOI was conditioned.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 22, at 6:30 pm.

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Collaborative Helping Marion Organize

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

A Capacity Assessment Results Toolkit (CART) was discussed by the Marion Board of Health during its April 20 public meeting.

The CART is one of many pieces of information

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anticipated by Marion as a member of a six-town, state-sponsored Southcoast Public Health Collaborative. Marion has used initial funds to purchase software to help process information related to inspections.

"As time goes on, they're going to see what we need, and they're going to help us with our needs. At this point, I don't think we have a lot of needs. I think we look very good," said Dr. John Howard, who estimated Marion is at 86% of the state standard.

Marion Health Director Lori Desmarais explained that the town has participated in an involved, three-part survey requiring many documents on various subjects under the board's purview. The state developed CART by breaking down recommendations, which includes hiring shared staff such as a shared-services coordinator and an inspector.

CART is trying to generate more than the $300,000 at its disposal, and one of the hires will seek grant funding for the collaborative.

Through the collaborative, Marion purchased Relevant software that is being used for inspections of restaurants, camps and housing. "It kind of brings everything together," said Desmarais.

The Select Board has signed off on the Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA), and legal counsel is reviewing the contract. (KP Law, Marion's Town Counsel, also represents Westport, according to Howard.)

In referencing the Public Health Excellent Grant, Howard noted that some towns and small cities lack full-time personnel for health services. "Hence, the EPA said they'd try to help ... we're in very good shape, I think, especially for a small town," he said.

Dr. Ed Hoffer attended the meeting via Zoom from France. "They said things were going global and now I know it," said Howard, noting that the Board of Health is Marion's first to hold an international public meeting.

Regarding the permit issued the owner of 406 Point Road, the Board of Health had granted a variance on May 26, 2022, regarding the distance that septic was from the tank. Since then, the house has been completely demolished, and they had to redo certain parts of the

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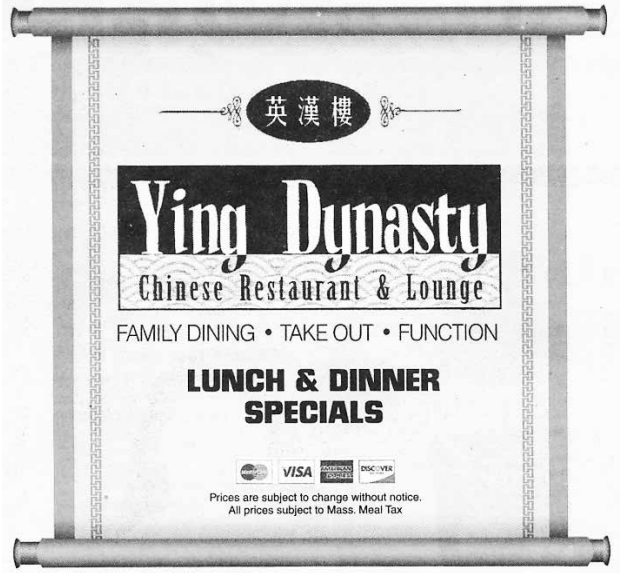

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Thursday April 27, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With…
9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Andrew Lloyd Webber
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday April 28, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With…
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
7:45 PM Sippican Historical Society - 19th Century American Landscapes
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday April 29, 2023
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With…
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies on the Southcoast
5:30 PM Cape Conversations
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - 19th Century American Landscapes
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday April 30, 2023
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Cynthia Bryden
2:25 PM Sippican Historical Society - 19th Century American Landscapes
3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
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7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

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7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
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6:20 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Andrew Lloyd Webber
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8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 2, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
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4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
7:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 3, 2023
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7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
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1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
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2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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1:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
3:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
5:00 PM Marion Board of Health
6:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
7:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
8:00 PM Marion School Committee
11:30 PM ORR School Committee

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8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeal
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM ORR School Committee
4:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
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8:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

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12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Groton-Dunstable
1:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Martha's Vineyard
2:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Fairhaven
3:30 PM Old Colony Vision for the Future
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR FORM Concert
7:30 PM ORR Class Olympics
9:00 PM Old Colony Vision for the Future
9:30 PM Harvard Krokodiloes at ORR
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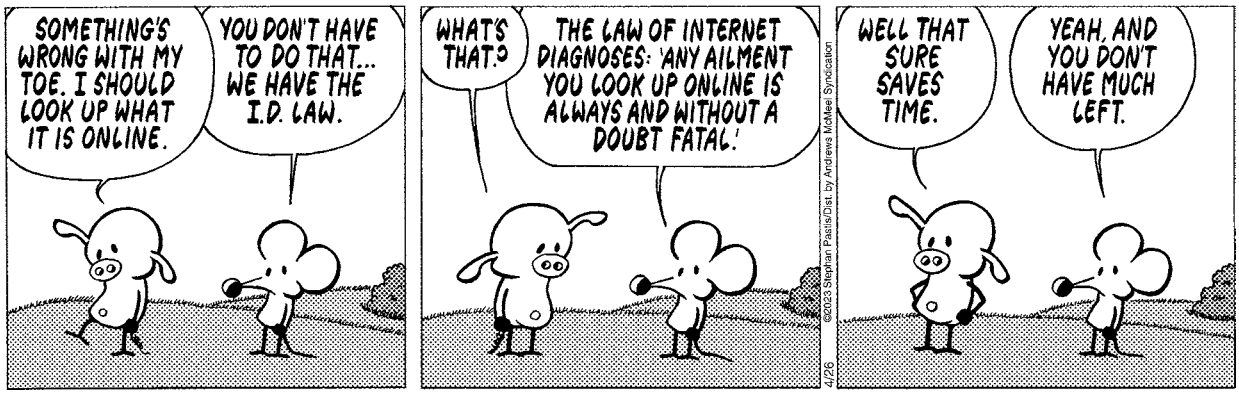
by Stephan Pastis



foundation," explained Desmarais. "The board may consider rescinding the variance request."

Board member Albin Johnson sought to clarify if there had been a Title 5 approval, but Desmarais said that was not part of the application. Under a new construction even with the same number of bedrooms, the guidelines have changed as new construction means new requirements including a nitrogen-reducing septic system. The board sent a letter to the homeowner and to engineer Rick Charon, who intends to submit a revised plan.

The board discussed the matter and voted unanimously to rescind the original variance.

In other septic updates, the board is waiting to hear back from Dave Davignon regarding 4 North Drive. The board voted to approve in concert with George Heufelder's conditioned approval of work at 88 Indian Cove Road. The board is waiting on Heufelder regarding 1 West Drive.

In her Health Agent Update to the board, Shallyn Rodriguez told the board that eight food inspections were conducted, including three new establishments and some special events. Rodriguez said the inspections "did well."

In regards to Chapter 2 housing inspections and complaint updates, the owner of 28 Pitcher Street indicated that the vendor hired to perform work at the property has fallen ill but was expected to begin within eight to 10 days, Rodriguez reported. "We need to stay on top of that one," said Howard.

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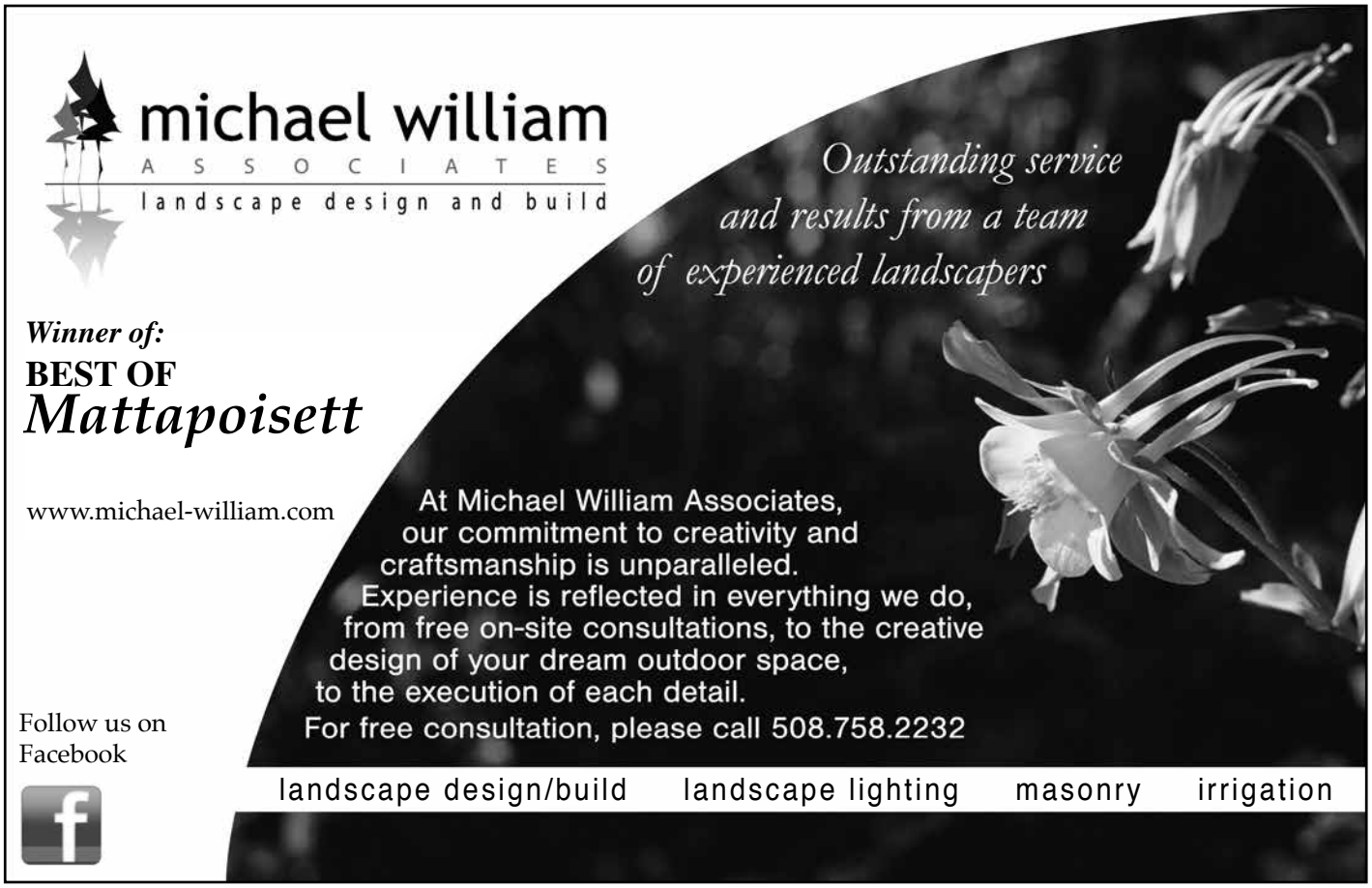
A house in disrepair at 165 County Road was seen by Rodriguez and Marion Building Commissioner Bob Grillo, who reportedly found the property to be a hazard with its basement area open in several areas with windows missing.

The town reached out to the owner with an ultimatum to repair or demolish. Johnson noted that local developer Sherman Briggs has a sand pit abutting the property. Desmarais was awaiting an email from the other stating intentions.

In her Public Health Director update, Desmarais updated the board on disease, and Plymouth County's plans to spray for mosquito control. She said she has updated the website and would send an email blast.



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Marion will be among several towns to receive rabies vaccination distribution done May 9-12 by air and from May 7 to June 3 by station.

As of April 18 per the CDC, the COVID-19 vaccine is no longer available to the general public, but ages 65-and-over remain eligible to receive another booster shot. Desmarais said she was waiting on state recommendations.

Desmarais also told the board that Marion Finance Director Judy Mooney and Board of Health administrator Maureen Murphy visited Westport to get a better handle on the Betterment program that is not part of the collaborative.

Desmarais is preparing an updated schedule of fees to address food establishments that currently do not have seasonal inspections.

Johnson noted that permitting funds go into the town's general budget and do not directly strengthen the Board of Health budget. "I'd like to keep the fees as low as possible. It's kind of double taxation," he said.

Hoffer said the whole idea is, "if you have to keep going back and back, it should hurt a little bit." Howard and Johnson agreed.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health was not scheduled upon adjournment.

Perry Back in Saddle

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Mick Colageo

Marion Harbormaster Isaac Perry made his first appearance before the Marion Resources Commission since he recovered from a winter back surgery. Perry began with "a huge thank you to Adam (Murphy) and Dave (Wilson) for keeping the ball rolling while I was out.

"(Their efforts) really made the transition from surgery and recovery back to working quite a bit easier than I thought it was going to be," said Perry.

Perry's summary of Harbor Management and Capital Projects included a report that the town had collected $121,000 in revenue as of the MRC's April 17 public meeting and estimated that with fee increases, there is another $400,000 left to collect.

The Marine Center, he said, will be on the Special Fall Town Meeting warrant. The town hopes to get it out to bid sometime in the summer, at which point Marion will have concrete numbers to put before voters.

Deputy Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer Adam Murphy is taking a conservative stance this year on oysters.

After reporting that shellfish is coming in for propagation specific to what is owed to Marion, he

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Jeremiah R. Johansen-Silva, 45, of Mattapoisett died October 29, 2022 while on vacation in the Philippines.

Born in New Bedford on May 6, 1977, son of the late Susan Alice Johansen-Silva and Brian Parker Silva, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

Jeremiah's mother passed away in a car accident in 1983 and Jeremiah's grandmother Eleanor raised Jeremiah and his younger brother Andrew. Jeremiah spent some school years in Maine with his uncle Jon "Benny" Johansen then spent his high school years at Old Rochester Regional High School staying with his best friend and mentor Gary Leblanc, who he loved. Jeremiah then moved to Florida because he was happiest in the tropical weather. Jeremiah returned home to Mattapoisett to take care of his 92 year old grandmother Eleanor for the last 15 years.

Jeremiah went to the Philippines on a vacation to experience the world; he liked it so much that he want to stay and start a family. Unfortunately he contracted a fatal disease which took his life.

When he lived with his grandmother, he enjoyed inventing and tinkering with all kind of things, from plants to chemistry but drawing was his favorite and he also enjoyed movies and his vehicles.

Jeremiah loved to spend time at the Silva family cookouts with the live bands, trips to Newport, RI, Boston or the Cape. He enjoyed going to his first concert with his friend David Langhoff to see the Grateful Dead in 1989.

Survivors include his grandmother, Eleanor; his brother, Andrew Silva of Mattapoisett; his aunts, Donna Goldman of Maryland, Terry Cathcart of New Bedford and Debbie Zine of Wareham; his uncles, Bradford Silva of Marion, Frank "Skip" Silva of Mattapoisett, Matthew Silva of Marion, and Jon "Benny" Johansen of Maine; his stepmother, Michelle Silva of Bourne; his step-brother, Steven Milne of New Bedford; and numerous cousins.

He was the grandson of the late Robert G. Johansen, Frank Silva and Betty (Parker) Silva-Ouellette, and was the nephew of the late Robert Cathcart and Timothy Silva.

His visiting hours will be held on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 4-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett.

Joseph T. Bowers, 95, of Fairhaven passed away Friday, April 14, 2023 at home. Born in Dorchester, MA he was the son of the late Joseph L. And Catherine R. (Barrett) Blowers. He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Cecile M. (Gauvin) Bowers and his son, Michael R. Bowers.

A WWII Navy veteran, he attended New Bedford Vocational High School and was an Electrician and member of the IBEW for over 70 years in both Brockton Local 223 and New Bedford Local 224 for which he served as President for 10 years.

Joseph was a lifelong member of the American Legion Post #166, a member of the Knights of Columbus and a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven.

He is survived by two daughters, Terry Bowers of Fairhaven and Catherine Francazio and her husband David of Tiverton, RI; two sons, Steven Bowers and his wife Holly of St. Croix USVI and Joseph Bowers, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Ft Myers, FL; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Bowers was the brother of the late Adrien L. And Stanley L. Blowers.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Community Nurse and Hospice Care of Fairhaven and also to their private team of caregivers, Natalia Ciriello, Denise May, Maddy Pires, Laura Ramirez and Carmen Motha for their wonderful and compassionate care.

In accordance with his wishes he will be cremated and memorial calling hours are Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 4-7pm in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10am in St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven followed by interment in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven. For memorial register or facility directions please visit, www.hathawayfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Joseph's name to the Wounded Warrior's Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

John Anthony Potito, 81, of Wareham passed away at home on April 19, 2023. He was the husband of Rosary Ann (Wilbur) Potito and the son of the late John A. Potito, Sr. and Shirley (Blanchard) Laflamme.

He was born in Springfield and lived in Wareham for over 50 years.

Mr. Potito served in the United States Coast Guard from 1960 to 1982, retiring as Chief Engineer. He was a Vietnam War Veteran. After retiring from the Coast Guard Mr. Potito worked as a teacher for Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School in the marine services department and as an Assistant Harbormaster for the Town of Marion.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and taking his dog Chico for walks. He also enjoyed wintering in Florida where he was a representative of the Florida mobile home association. The Patriots, Giants and Red Sox were among his favorite sports teams to watch. He especially loved dancing to music from the 50s and 60s.

He was a member of the Rusty Nuts Car Club and enjoyed taking his 1967 Plymouth to shows with his wife and

car buddies.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Rosary Ann (Wilbur) Potito; his children, Jeanne Tetrault and her husband Paul, Glynn Potito and his wife Pam and Andrew Potito and his wife Ann all of Wareham; his siblings, Richard Laflamme and his wife Louise, Lori Cole and her husband John and Renee Laflamme all of western MA, and Wayne Laflamme of Florida; 6 grandchildren, Mollie Griffin and her husband Ryan, Stephanie Tetrault, Naomi Correia and her husband Joshua, Noah Tetrault, Debra Potito, Cherlynne Joseph and Ethan Potito; 9 great grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Donna Bassette.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 7 pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Connery Ave., Bourne. Please go directly to the cemetery and arrive at 9:45 am. Plan according due to bridge construction and traffic.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929 or online at aspca.org in memory of John, who was a lover of all kinds of animals.

Daniel C. Briggs, 69, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on April 18, 2023.

Married 41 years, he was the loving husband of Lori (Mansfield) Briggs. They were a special couple, inseparable, sharing their passions for the ocean, traveling, cooking, gardening, their home and their cats.

In his younger years, Daniel started out working as a boat builder. He went on to earn his USCG Master of Oceans License, something he was very proud of. His accomplishments included being Captain of private sailing yachts, and years as a well-respected marine surveyor. He taught at the Northeast Maritime Academy and at Tabor Academy's Nautical Science department. Daniel was engaged as an expert witness in various legal, nautical-related cases. Traveling internationally, he was hired for his expertise by individuals looking to purchase both power and sailing vessels for personal use and potential business ventures. He participated in many Newport Bermuda Races and was a volunteer on the Marion Bermuda Race Committee.

Daniel was proud to be a member of the Storm Trysail Club, a private club dedicated to blue water sailing and by invitation only to expert offshore sailors who have experienced storm conditions and are capable of commanding a sailing vessel in such conditions.

He also attended Rhode Island School of Design, receiving a certification as a personal property appraiser.

Daniel was the son of the late Ann (Perkins) and Peter Briggs. In addition to his wife, Lori, he is survived by his sister, Melinda Eaton and her husband Kevin; his sister, Heather Hobler; his mother-in-law, Leona Mansfield; his sister-in-law, Jane Zychowicz; his sister-in-law, Melinda Reed and her husband Peter Reed; and nieces and nephews.

His services were private. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to one of the following: Mass General Center For Transplantation Sciences: Massachusetts General Hospital, Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 (giving.massgeneral.org/donate/research-institute); HopeHealth Hulitar Hospice Center: HopeHealth Hospice & Palliative, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904 (hopehealthco.org/ways-to-give/donatenow/donate-to-hopehealth-hospice-palliative-care); MSPCA: MSPCA-Angell, Attn: Donations, 350 South Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130 (https://www.mspca.org/donate-now).

Marilyn G. Kelley, 88, of Naples, FL and Rochester, MA, died suddenly on Easter Eve, April 8th. She was the loving wife of the late John Dillon "Jack" Kelley, her Horace Greeley High School sweetheart, where she was the Student Class Secretary, Cheerleader, and Homecoming Queen. She was a devoted caregiver to John who predeceased her in 2019. They celebrated 65 exciting years together.

Her sweet, gentle nature and intellectual curiosity belied her spicy sense of humor, much to the surprise and delight of everyone she knew. She was a devoted mother of four daughters, and a beloved and trusted friend who helped perfect strangers in time of need.

Born in Detroit, MI, Marilyn was the daughter of the late Dr. Clyde William and Edna (Monroe) Geiter. "Doc" Geiter had five different medical degrees, and painted detailed pictures of diseases to accompany his monthly articles published in the American Medical Journal where he was dubbed, "The Salvador Dali" of doctors. As a young girl, Marilyn studied classical ballet and piano. Her family eventually moved to Kansas City, MO and then to Chappaqua, NY until Marilyn attended Bradford Junior College in Haverill, MA.

Following graduation, Marilyn got her first job in NYC selling ad time on various TV stations, and later worked as a bookkeeper for Transcommunications in Greenwich, CT. While her own daughters were young, she also taught ballet to others in their first home in Port Chester, NY. Her daughters watched with fascination as her fingers flew up and down the keyboard, playing Tico Tico (Google it!). Then in 1965, while living in Greenwich with her husband and four daughters, Marilyn received her Certificate of Design from

the Chicago Institute of Art and did a masterful job decorating their stately Victorian home and subsequent homes. She later taught exercise for Lifetime Fitness, teaching the Boutelle method - now known as Pilates - in Greenwich, and later in Portsmouth, NH. There, she auditioned with Ballet New England and was cast as the Grandmother in the Nutcracker, a role she played for three years, as well as other characters. She loved the cast and characters and was happy to go back to her classical ballet roots. An avid Sudoku and word puzzle master, skilled in needlecrafts and knitting, she was never idle.

Always a performer, Marilyn enjoyed doing song and dance vignettes with her adult daughters at her husband Jack's Birthday parties. But her favorite role was storyteller. In 2013, she published, For Love and Money: The Brazil Affair, The Story Of A Family's Quest (available on Amazon). Based on her family's real-life experience living in Brazil in the early 1970's, the account of this bold adventure starts with her family on a flight piloted by Jack in their single engine Cessna from New York to South America. Once there, the promise of an entrepreneurial enterprise with an international businessman takes a dramatic turn. As Marilyn introduces the book, "If you had told me in 1972 that in less than two years I would be living in Brazil with my husband and four daughters, socializing with criminals, I would have called you crazy." Marilyn's daughter Diane wrote a screenplay based on the book, and she and Marilyn were continuing to look for a partner to take the story to the big screen.

Much of Marilyn's life was committed to the service of others, starting as a tireless volunteer at Greenwich Hospital in CT and Portsmouth Hospital in NH, and as a Eucharistic Minister with Jack at the Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth. She also spent years volunteering with Share to help those in need.

There are some losses from which you can never recover, and for those who knew Marilyn, this is one of them. She leaves her adored brother, Don Geiter, and his wife Candy of Sunrise Beach, MO, and their children Ryan and Nicole. Survivors also include loving daughters Lynne Bucklin of Naples, FL (predeceased by her husband Stan), Evan Martin and husband Nicholas of New London, NH, Diane Kelley and husband David Risch, living aboard a boat in Florida, and Heather Kelley and husband Ted Buttner of Williston, FL. She leaves seven grandchildren, John Ivey and his wife Jaime of Calabasas, CA, Christopher Ivey and his wife Diama of San Diego, CA, Erin Martin and her husband Andrew Nichols of Norwood, MA, Peter Martin and his wife Rafaela of Wellesley, MA, Karina Tefft of Brooklyn, NY, Alexandra Tefft-Cassidy and husband Tim of Merrimack, NH, and Dillon Buttner of Williston, FL. Marilyn also leaves three step-grandchildren; Dr. Laura Risch, David C. Risch and Maxwell Risch and his wife Brittney.

The next generation of survivors includes six+ great-grandchildren; Hunter, Madeleine and Mila Ivey, Jack and Olivia Ivey, and Luella Nichols, with another Tefft-Cassidy due in September from Alexandra and Tim, as well as two step-great grandchildren Brady and Natalie Risch. Marilyn is also survived by her beloved friends and neighbors while living at The Pines at Hathaway Pond in Rochester, MA, and Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh in Naples, FL.

Her Funeral will be held on Saturday, April 29th at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Rita's Church, 115 Front Street, Marion, MA at 10 am. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Beverly Yacht Club. For questions, contact daughter Diane Kelley, (603) 969-9054. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Rose Marie Tomczewski, 66, of New Bedford, passed away Friday, April 21, 2023 at home following a brief but courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. She was the wife of Wayne M. Tomczewski with whom she shared 46 years of marriage.

Born in Woonsocket, RI, she had resided most of her life in New Bedford. She was a graduate of New Bedford High School, class of 1974.

Mrs. Tomczewski had worked as a Social Worker for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Department of Transitional Assistance for 32 years. Upon her retirement, she worked at the Christmas Tree Shops and most recently at The Polished Look as a receptionist.

Rose Marie spent many years devoting her spare time to youth bowling leagues at both Bowler's Country Club and WonderBowl as the director of the Classic League. She also enjoyed fundraising, coaching and traveling with many young bowlers for the Junior Gold Championship competitions throughout the country. She was very proud her induction into the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 2006 for her years of meritorious service.

Rose was an avid bingo player and enjoyed spending time at Foxwoods and Tiverton Casinos and traveled often to Atlantic City with her friends. When she wasn't gambling or cruising to Bermuda, she could be found at all of her grandson's baseball games and practices, as well as all of his bowling events.

As a selfless person who found joy in helping others, she spent time helping her friends, family and the elderly every chance she could.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her daughters, Beverly Rebelo and her husband Eric and Tammy Alves and her significant other Bryan Callahan all of New Bedford; her grandson Eric Rebelo Jr.; and several nieces and great nieces

told the MRC he is not doing oysters, noting that Tabor Academy still has 150,000 continuing to grow, MRC member Scott Cowell asked Murphy about buying scallop seed.

Murphy said he has not.

"My goal would be to meet with the town administration and figure out, one, the propagation permits and the fees and where all the money's going and work to figure out what we can spend on buying larger seed so that we can put out," he said. "It costs more money to buy it, but I'd like to not waste money on smaller seed or scallops or oysters, whatever we decide, and use the money that we're generating for propagation and actually buy the animals larger that we can put out with a better survivability and more of an abundance.

"So instead of just throwing money away, if you will, I figured we'd take a step back this year and figure out how many permits we're selling and kind of study it a little bit, figure out what kind of revenue we're bringing in, and then figure out what's the best course of action as

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and nephews.

Her Funeral was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 9 am from the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 am in St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 343 Tarkiln Hill Rd., New Bedford. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

After fighting a long battle with many illnesses, this mild-mannered, loving man, **John B. Hayes, Jr,** at age 74, succumbed to Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome on April 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm while surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late John and Muriel Hayes and predeceased by his sister Mary Cloutier, and his brothers Peter Hayes, Joe Hayes, and Eddie Hayes.

He was born in Taunton and lived in Wareham and Mattapoisett for many years.

John loved from his heart. His vibrant personality touched everyone. John was a man of many talents, but he loved his membership in IUOE Local 4. His Local 4 brothers said he was a pleasure to work with because he made light of every difficult situation.

His passion for physical fitness led him to walking, running and biking all of his life. John was passionate about his religion and was a member of St Anthony's Catholic Church Mattapoisett. John enjoyed his membership in the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

John adored his large family, leaving behind his Beloved Wife of 32 years, Connie. His Daughters, Kimberly Hayes and Pat Schober of Taunton; Son Jeffrey Hayes of Boston. Sister Anne and Brother-In-Law John Haggerty of Taunton; His many nieces and nephews. His extended family Patricia, Kristen, Aaron, the 9 Grandchildren & 3 Great Grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held on April 29, 2023 at 10:00 am in St. Patrick's Church 94 High Street, Wareham. Interment will follow in St Patrick's Cemetery, Tihonet Rd., Wareham.

A Celebration of Life will follow at the Kilburn Mill at Clarks Cove, 127 W Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford, receiving hours from 1-5. Please join us in this celebration for John.

The family would also like to thank the staff at Tobey Hospital's ICU for their incredible care. Arrangements are by Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

George B. Dornblaser, Jr. 83, of Rochester, formerly of Marion, passed away on April 19, 2023, in Hathaway Manor, New Bedford. He was the husband of the late Mimi (Hellier) Dornblaser and the son of the late George B. and Grace (Altmiller) Dornblaser.

He was born in Hazelton, PA and was a long-time resident of New York City. He spent many summers in Marion before retiring there in 2000. He then moved to Rochester in 2009. He graduated from MMI Preparatory High School, Freeland, PA, Lafayette College, and the University of Virginia Law School.

Mr. Dornblaser worked as a Trust & Estate Lawyer for Bessemer Trust Company and Trainer and Wortham & Co. handling accounts both in the U.S. and Europe before retiring.

He was a member of the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion and a longtime subscriber to the Metropolitan Opera and an early and enthusiastic supporter of the Buzzards Bay Music Festival.

Survivors include his daughter, Sarah Dornblaser of West Haven, CT, and many nephews and nieces. He was the brother of the late Sue Evans.

A graveside service will be held at 1pm on Thursday, May 4th at Evergreen Cemetery, Rte. 6 & Converse Rd., Marion.

Donations in his memory may be made to Doctors Without Borders or the Buzzards Bay Music Festival.

Arrangements are by Chapman Funerals & Cremations, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

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Movie Review

Classic Rock

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Last Waltz* (1978). With the Band, Bob Dylan and many others. Directed by Martin Scorsese. Running time: 116 minutes. MPAA rating: PG. Available on physical and streaming home media.**

What is it about the Band? They sounded contemporary yet ancient — not really rock, not really country or blues or bluegrass, yet somehow all these things at once. Their songs were concise yet epic, steeped in bitter American history, though four-fifths of the Band were Canadian. They were a contradiction, and Martin Scorsese's film *The Last Waltz* — which celebrates its 45th anniversary on April 26 — catches all their aspects, including being a great live band performing live for the last time.

The first thing I noticed is that *The Last Waltz* sort of plays as Scorsese's unofficial Robert De Niro/Harvey Keitel team-up: does anyone else see the De Niro of *Mean Streets* in the quirky Rick Danko, or the younger Keitel in the anguished guitar grimaces of Robbie Robertson? Scorsese himself is heard and sometimes seen interviewing various Band members, looking more or less the same he did in his troubling *Taxi Driver* cameo. This was intense, coke-fueled '70s Scorsese, not the avuncular old wizard we know today, and Scorsese never smiles; he takes the musicians' often rambling answers very, very seriously. At times, Scorsese plays up the artifice of the interviews, leaving in a few shots that call attention to the very act of filming; at one point, Robertson asks Scorsese to ask a question again so he can re-answer from the top, and Scorsese leaves that in, too.

All of this gives the sense that the dissolution of the Band as a touring group is of unspeakable national import and must be recorded for posterity. The guest list certainly suggests a one-time-only event. Old confederate Ronnie Hawkins ambles on, ready for a party. An obviously coked-up Neil Young, as unstable and scruffy as Jack Nicholson's Jack Torrance, grins madly and works his jaw all the way through "Helpless." I don't know whether the air-punching, high-kicking Van Morrison is stoned or drunk, but my money's on drunk. Neil Diamond stands far apart from everyone on stage, seeming drastically out of place (Robertson wanted him there, nobody else did). Joni Mitchell adds some sorely-needed estrogen to an otherwise masculine bacchanal (though Emmylou Harris also turns up in one of two studio-filmed segments that, while beautifully shot, seem out of sync with the live footage). Clapton pops in and shreds; Muddy Waters burns down the house. Finally Bob Dylan deigns to descend from the heavens and grace us with his presence, though, as per his stipulation, only two of the five songs he performed were filmed.

With an army of great cinematographers (Michael Chapman, László Kovács, Vilmos Zsigmond, among others) at his command, Scorsese keeps the camerawork steady, never resorting to lookit-me whip-pans or flashy editing. The music was infamously overdubbed, and Robertson's singing is seen but not heard (his mike was turned off); the result is The Perfect Concert, obviously fussed-over to make it as iconic and definitive as possible. Of the Band members, the one who pops out the most is ol' Levon Helm, the group's sole genuine American, a son of Arkansas who howls out Robertson's odes to Americana so soulfully you'd swear the songs had been around forever. That voice seems to issue from the gnarled tree branches of southern swamps. (Helm also gives the least of himself to the camera during the interview segments — he wasn't into the idea of the film at all.) Second place might go to Rick Danko, filing a majestically despondent reading of "It Makes No Difference."

The Last Waltz is celebratory yet elegiac, sodden with the passing of an era. It was 1976, and the twin horns of punk and disco were about to impale arena rock for a while. The Band was huge, but also seemed more like musicians' musicians; they had their own sound, which seemed to die along with the '70s (though the Band later went on without Robertson). Scorsese, himself at a personal and career crossroads at the time, caught the exhaustion and elation of the performance. Everyone onstage has been at it for so many years the music feels instinctual — it's Scorsese the then-young master paying tribute to older masters. Mostly, everyone is playing to and for their stagemates, not to or for the big-ticket audience members — or us. We're crashing an epic party.

It's a real end-of-the-'70s document, an ideal dovetailing of image and sound to evoke a mood and a moment. It's as personal and obsessive a Scorsese film as any other from the period, somehow expressing a fast-lane urban sensibility even during those long slow takes of rural-roots anthems. The filmmaking is superbly controlled yet spontaneously alive. *The Last Waltz* transcends its origins as a "concert film" and becomes something larger and more mysterious, a playground of the gods, a requiem for a certain kind of performance event, a true last waltz in which the lastness is less important than the waltz.

far as spending that money on what's appropriate for the community."

"You should start looking," said Cowell, "because they usually don't become available until back of July."

"I've got to figure out how much money we can spend," said Murphy. "We have $6,000 that we usually spend, so we have the up-waller, we have the quahog seed coming, but like I said, I didn't want to buy oyster seed just to spend the money. We're walking across oysters at this point."

MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski referenced the winter appearance of Finance Director Judy Mooney and suggested it's time to revisit the subject of indirect expenses, especially with the new revenue resulting from increased fees.

MRC member Peter Borsari addressed the controversial matter of indirect costs to the Harbormaster Department, asserting that the town unfairly holds down the Waterways Account.

Malkoski acknowledged that the town can legally take 50% of excise taxes. "But where it gets fuzzy," he said, "is the discussions we had about the dinghy slips because those are bottom-anchored. And some of the other things where money's being withdrawn that again, we contend. ... Where that money comes from is part of the discussion."

"We were told that the money never left," said Borsari.

"That reality is, it's not in the Waterways Account, and it's being shown on the town record as being used for these other purposes," said Malkoski.

"A portion of the indirects are costs that are generated by the (Harbormaster) Department," said Perry, rattling off insurance policies, fuel and electricity as examples.

Borsari insisted he had been instructed that those monies are not taken away from the Waterways Account and said the matter remains confusing.

Murphy clarified that he had spoken on the matter at the MRC's last meeting and said he is still seeking answers "on where, why, when and how" of indirect costs that also left him confused.

The dinghy dock revenues of $48,000, said Murphy, go into the general fund rather than the Waterways Account. "But the Waterways (Account) is supporting that through our budget to maintain it, so there's a lot of things on there that I don't think the town understands what goes into supporting that general-fund money."

Murphy suggested it's the MRC's mission to make the town understand the Harbormaster Department's plight.

"The floats in particular, that's a 10-A permit, all day just like anyone's mooring permit out there. There's no difference," said Perry. "So how that revenue goes toward the General Fund versus the Waterways Account is beyond me. I know the Finance director is going to look into that. That's another thing we have to make sure of because, like you said, that's a big chunk of change."

Vice Chairman Greg Houdelette noted that the FY24 budget has been finalized for the May 8 Town Meeting, so there is no great rush to iron out the matter.

"Let me be clear, none of us are suggesting that the money is going someplace it shouldn't go. It's being used (by the town)," said Malkoski, who also noted that by state law, the harbor cannot serve as a profit source for the town.

Cowell finds it unacceptable that the three-person Harbormaster Department is hired at will and is not under contract like every other department head. Police

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reform has complicated their roles.

MRC member Cheryl Souza suggested the commissioners can appropriately plan a course of action once it's known how things will shake out from the Police Department side of the matter.

Perry also reported that he anticipated Tabor Academy's "day of service" to yield assistance in preparing boats for community service and plans to freshen up Island Wharf. Floats, he said, would be in the water two to three weeks behind last year's schedule but in time for most boaters who arrive near the end of May and the beginning of June. Channel markers were expected over the final two weeks of April.

The Department of Public Works and the Water Dept, said Perry, will help the Harbormaster Department replace the sewer line at Island Wharf.

The sea wall at Island Wharf requires the filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Conservation Commission. Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee assisted in the preparation of the application.

The new motor purchased through grant funding last year has been installed in the pump-out boat.

"Big thanks to (Murphy and Wilson) keeping the lights on while I was away," said Perry.

The next meeting of the Marine Resources Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 15, at 7:00 pm.

Mattapoisett Road Race College Stipends

July 4 will be here before we know it and so will the 51st running of the Mattapoisett Road Race. This year there will be some exciting changes. Begun in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than $150,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. The online application can be accessed by linking through mattapoisettroadrace.com and also via a QR code available at the high school. The application deadline is **May 15**.

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HFOT Volunteer Day

On Saturday, **April 29**, the national nonprofit organization Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) invites the community to a Volunteer Day event to help landscape Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rebecca Mann's future specially adapted custom home. The new home for Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann, who was severely injured in Afghanistan, has more than 40 adaptations including lower countertops and roll-under sinks. The event will be held at 5 Noyes Ave., Mattapoisett at 10 am. (Check-in at 9:30 am) Due to limited parking, the public is asked to use designated parking at shuttle locations.

In March 2014, during her second deployment, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann was serving with the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division when she sustained an injury to her right foot. In October 2017, Rebecca was in constant pain and elected to have doctors amputate her right foot. Eventually, she learned she had a microvascular condition that was causing the pain and blood flow issues in her residual limb and left leg. After several unsuccessful attempts to correct the problem, Rebecca elected to have doctors amputate her left foot in 2020.

The Volunteer Day is an event hosted by HFOT for the community to landscape the home by laying sod and planting trees and flowers in preparation for the Veteran's homecoming. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann will receive her home at a Key Ceremony event Saturday, **May 13**.

Volunteers are asked to bring gardening gloves

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights April 16-April 22
- Rezendes Ter – Disturbance/family
- Front St – General offense
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Old Indian Trl – Paper service
- Front St – MV collision
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Paper service
- Converse Rd – Identity theft
- Point Rd – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Found property
- Rocky Knook Ln – Animal complaint
- Briggs Ln – EMS/medical
- Hermitage Rd – Smoke investigation
- Briggs Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Family offense
- Mill St – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – Family offense
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Arrowhead Ln – Officer wanted
- Blackhall Ct – Follow up
- Mill St – Missing person
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights April 16-April 22
- Martin Ave – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- Pinewood Way – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Shipyard Ln – Animal control
- Barstow St - Disturbance
- Randall Ln – General service
- Brandt Island Rd - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Medical assist
- Oliver St – Suspicious persons
- Homestead Ct – General service
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Hammond St – Animal control
- River Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Medical alarm
- Ship St – 911 abandoned
- Upland Way – Domestic disturbance
- Selha Way – 911 call
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- River Rd - Complaint
- Knollwood Dr – Larceny/forgery
- Marion Rd – Restraining order
- Driscoll Ln – Officer wanted
- Brant Beach Ave – Restraining order
- Pearl St – Property found
- North St – MV violations
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- North St – 911 call
- Lebaron Way – Assist citizen

ROCHESTER
Log highlights April 16-April 22
- Walnut Plain Rd – Illegal dumping
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – Well being check
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal control
- Sarah Sherman Rd - Harassment
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Kings Hwy – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – Well being check
- Boxturtle Dr – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Ryder Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – Well being check
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – Well being check
- Mattapoisett Rd – Medical alarm
- Featherbed Ln – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Follow up
- Walnut Plain Rd – General services
- Marion Rd – MV theft
- Bates Rd – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – MV lockout
- Robinson Rd – Animal control
- Benjamin Dr – 911 call
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Robinson Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, May 1: Chicken & white bean chili, brown rice w/peas & carrots, corn bread, Mandarin oranges
Tuesday, May 2: Meatballs, penne pasta, Tuscany blend, dinner roll, oatmeal raisin cookie, diet: graham wafer
Wednesday, May 3: Tossed salad w/dressing, chicken cordon blue, sweet potatoes, oatmeal roll, mixed fruit
Thursday, May 4: Roast turkey w/gravy, whipped potato, winter squash, whole wheat bread, banana
Friday, May 5: Salmon w/peach salsa, rice & beans, Mexicali corn, multigrain bread, pears

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, May 1: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken soup, garden salad, assorted salad dressing
Tuesday, May 2: Taco nacho platter, cilantro lime rice, Mexicali corn, black bean salad
Wednesday, May 3: Scrambled eggs, toasted English muffin, tator tots, orange smiles
Thursday, May 4: Beef & potato bowl, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll
Friday, May 5: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, May 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 2: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, cilantro lime rice, Mexicali corn, black bean salad
Wednesday, May 3: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, tator tots, orange smiles
Thursday, May 4: Beef & potato bowl, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll
Friday, May 5: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, May 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 2: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy cole slaw
Wednesday, May 3: Breakfast burrito, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, May 4: Philly chicken and cheese sub, pasta salad, oven baked French fries
Friday, May 5: Pizza crunchers: Marinara sauce (OR) hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, May 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 2: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, cilantro lime rice, Mexicali corn, black bean salad
Wednesday, May 3: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, May 4: Warm ham & cheese croissant, baked sweet potato rounds, peas & carrots
Friday, May 5: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, May 1: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked potato wedges, savory green beans
Tuesday, May 2: Taco Tuesday: chicken or beef tacos, cilantro lime rice, Mexicali corn, black bean salad
Wednesday, May 3: Whole grain French toast, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, May 4: Philly chicken and cheese sub, pasta salad, oven baked French fries
Friday, May 5: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, May 1: Steak & cheese sub, peppers, onion & mushrooms
Tuesday, May 2: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
Wednesday, May 3: Grilled cheese & chili
Thursday, May 4: Build a baked potato
Friday, May 5: Assorted pizza

and will receive an HFOT T-Shirt and lunch.

Homes for Our Troops relies on contributions from donors, supporters, and corporate partners for the building of each Veteran's home. Currently there are 76 HFOT home-build projects for injured Veterans in various stages of completion nationwide. Community members may hold fundraisers or make donations. To find out more on how to get involved or make a donation, visit www.hfotusa.org.

Read more about Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mann at www.hfotusa.org/mann/.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 3**. We meet at the American Legion Eastman Post on Depot Street. Doors open at 5 pm for social time followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker program begins at 6:45. Colby will be preparing a filling and delicious meal. New members are always welcome. Please contact Chuck at cwmccullough@comcast.net with questions.

Feathers and Fins

Drop by the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street on Thursday, **May 11** between 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm and meet local potter Wendy Goldsmith, who has her "Feathers and Fins" exhibit currently up at the library. Chat with her and see some of the elements she uses to create her lovely pottery, then enjoy viewing her work on display.

Mattapoisett Library May Events

Visit the library to enjoy a classic film on Friday, **May 5** at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Check our website for details on the film. This is the start of a new film club that will meet the first Friday of the month, schedule permitting. Enjoy some free popcorn while you watch. No registration is necessary.

Join the Sustainability Partnership for an informative presentation on native trees, featuring Jennifer Anderson of Tree Talk Natives on Saturday, **May 6** at 10:00 am. Learn about native plants, what they are and why people are seeking them out as part of their home landscapes. She also will discuss invasive plants and why they are damaging to our ecosystem and native plant choices to replace invasive plants. For more information, see www.treetalknatives.com.

The Mattapoisett Sustainability Partnership is a group dedicated to promoting sustainable living in the community. To be a part of this group, stop in to a meeting or email mfpl@sailsinc.org to get more information.

For more information about these events, call the library at 508.758.4171 or email to jjones@sailsinc.org. Check the library's events calendar for more upcoming programs and book discussions.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship Deadline Extended

Are you looking to continue your education in a certificate or degree program? The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is extending the deadline for its $1,500 Continuing Education Scholarship until **May 31**. This scholarship

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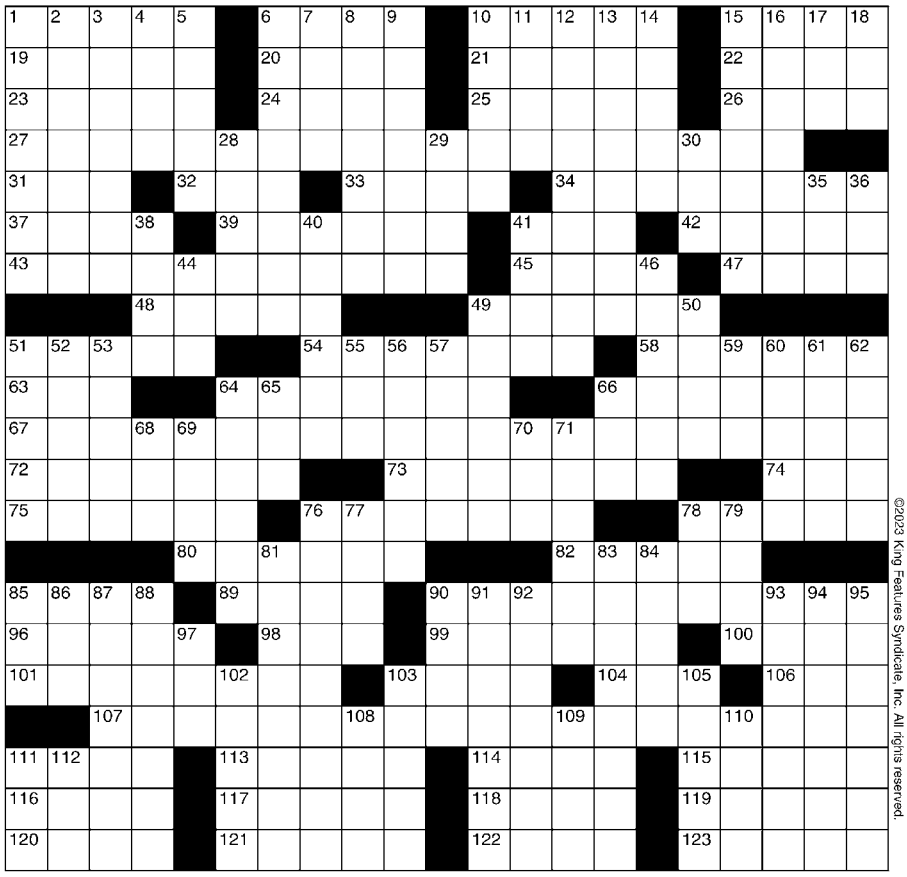
6 "Born Free" lioness
10 Really bothered
15 Refer to as an example
19 Beethoven's "Für —"
20 "The Wizard of Oz" actor Bert
21 Abu — (Persian Gulf emirate)
22 Over again
23 Ailey of choreography
24 Mild Dutch cheese
25 Tricky billiards shot
26 Fare- — -well
27 Start of instructions for making sense of 67-Across
31 "— Haw"
32 "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay
33 Aleve may relieve it
34 Got in a trap
37 Rowing blades
39 Be present
41 Renoir's skill
42 Vent views
43 Part 2 of instructions
45 Appear to be
47 Goulash, e.g.
48 Fetal homes
49 Cooing park scavenger
51 Genre of serious films
54 Kissing and caressing
58 Greek god of the sun
63 Huge Brit. lexicon
64 Pedicured body part
66 "Ay, —!" (cry on "The Simpsons")
67 Message to congratulate solvers who figure out this answer
72 Northeast African nation
73 Decorator
74 Suffix with Gabon
75 Welding alloy
76 Jihad
78 Capri and Aruba
80 Plant lice
82 Disconnected
85 Units of work
89 Locale
90 Part 3 of instructions
96 Ballet moves
98 "Planet Money" airer
99 Misspends
100 Spout off
101 Calif. volcano
103 Basic idea
104 "We need assistance!"
106 Onetime Pan Am rival
107 End of instructions
111 Heath
113 Former congressman Mo
114 For — (not gratis)
115 Acoustic
116 Push along
117 Gymnastics legend Comaneci
118 — a soul (no one)
119 Headstone locale
120 Disarray
121 Artery-opening tube
122 Portuguese for "years"
123 More rational

DOWN

1 Cousin of a coffeehouse
2 Curative plant
3 Monte Carlo setting
4 "Yeah, right!"
5 Actress Berger of "De Sade"
6 Brits call it a "lift"
7 Put freight on
8 Make pointy, as a pencil
9 Hostile insect in a swarm
10 Guys writing slogans, maybe
11 This and —
12 Item dyed for a spring holiday
13 One who fails to show up
14 Stadium rows
15 Sleeps lightly
16 Get via will
17 Simple shirt
18 Baaing "ma"
28 Dodge
29 Venetian beach resort
30 "Fifth Beatle" Yoko
35 Indy-to-Cleveland dir.
36 Dawn droplets
38 Pond gunk
40 Coiled like ivy
41 Speller's clarification
44 Zeta follower
46 Fine goat coat
49 What a head rests on in bed
50 Brand of spongy balls
51 Sleeps lightly
52 Printing proof, for short
53 Aleve alternative
55 Naval acad. grad's rank
56 Groups devising plots
57 Tyke
59 Tyke
60 Push along
61 Like Santa, weight-wise
62 Strongboxes for valuables
64 Pipsqueaks
65 Three — kind
66 Pool stick
68 "— be my pleasure!"
69 La — Tar Pits
70 Title for a monk
71 Mesmerized
76 List of currently popular songs
77 Polish river
78 Hip-hop mogul Gotti
79 Mix together
81 Suggested subtly
83 Elvis and Priscilla
84 Fable writer
85 Tree infested by bark beetles
86 No longer active: Abbr.
87 Fake hearth items
88 Balls, geometrically
90 Taunt in fun
91 Rosh —
92 "Here We Are" singer Gloria
93 Fiber source in some muffins
94 Disentangle
95 Country music's — Brothers
97 Used a chair
102 Shell-shocks
103 Note a half step above F
105 Thick rugs
108 Actress Lena of "Chocolat"
109 Streamlined, informally
110 Ambience
111 Not saying a word
112 Metal in rocks



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week offers new opportunities for adventurous Sheep, both personal and professional. Single Sheep could find romance with a Taurus or Scorpio.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your big break is about to happen in the workplace. Expect to hear more about it within a few days. Meanwhile, enjoy some much-needed fun time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your past tendency for breaking promises could be catching up with you. You need to reassure a certain someone in your life that this time you'll keep your word. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Watch your tendency to be overcautious in your personal relationships. Give people a chance to show who they are, not who you assume them to be.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor closer attention to family matters, especially where it concerns older relatives who might need special care. A co-worker has information that can help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace change causes a temporary delay in your plans. Still, continue working on your project so that you'll be ready when it's time to start up again.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Stick with your plans despite some recent disappointments. Persistence will pay off. A family member's health takes a happy turn for the better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your gift for seeing through to the heart of a matter (or the heart of a person) impresses someone who is in a position to make you a very interesting offer.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your colleagues believe in your leadership abilities because you believe in yourself. Your strength inspires others to follow your example.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A sensitive situation needs sensitive handling. Show more patience than you usually do. This will allow everyone time for some really hard thinking.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are determined to take charge of a difficult situation and turn it around. Good for you. Accept much-needed help and advice from a Libra.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are able to help people by sensing their deepest pain, but be careful not to let your own emotions get injured. Try to maintain a safe balance.

BORN THIS WEEK: Yours is one of the most emotional signs of the zodiac. You are empathetic and have a deep spiritual core that gives you your great strength.

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Applications and additional information are available on the MWC website at www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org/about/mattapoisett-womans-club-scholarships. All applications and supporting documents must be received at P.O. 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, by **May 31, 2023**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund-raising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships, other charitable donations, public programming and community outreach. The MWC scholarship program in particular helps to support the larger community that has partnered with the club in its fund-raising efforts.

Mattapoisett Candidates' Night

The League of Women of South Coast is hosting a Candidates' Night at Old Hammondtown School on Wednesday, **May 3** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Don Cuddy will act as Moderator for the event.

All candidates running for Town Offices have been invited to participate in the event. There will be three components to Candidates' Night:

1. Meeting the candidates: Candidates running unopposed will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves, give a brief overview of their qualifications, why they would be a "good fit" for the position, and their understanding of the scope of the office they are seeking.

2. Debates: Candidates running contested races will be given the opportunity, in debate form, to explain their qualifications and lay out their understanding of the scope of the office they are seeking. Debates will be in accordance with League of Women Voters debate guidelines, e.g., "no empty chair" or proxy for a candidate.

3. Review of the Town Warrant by Mike Lorenco, Town Administrator.

Mattapoisett Republican Party Meeting

The Mattapoisett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Wednesday, **May 3** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Ying Dynasty, 24 County Rd, Mattapoisett.

Topics for discussion are:
1) The upcoming town elections
2) Volunteering opportunities
3) Other local meetings that are of interest to everyone.

Several local candidates will be at the meeting to introduce themselves and to answer questions.

If interested, please attend or contact by email: ChairMattGOP@Gmail.com

Birthday Parties at the MAC

The Marion Art Center's Arts & Crafts instructor Aylin Cetik is offering birthday parties in the MAC Studio. Parties for ages 4 and up will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays, with 15-20 minutes reserved at the end of the party for a sweet treat. Available times are 10 am-11:30 am or 1:00 pm-2:30 pm. Suggested party themes include: mermaids, fairies, outer space, pirates, art & science or custom. The cost is $275 for up to ten guests, and $15 for each additional child with a maximum of 15 children. Add-on options include outdoor lawn games, or other activities by request, for an additional fee. For more information and to inquire about dates, email aylincetik@gmail.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

An Open Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filing by John & Stephanie S. Sullivan, for property located at 485 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770, Map 26, Lot(s) 3&4.

The applicant proposes the construction of a new single-family residence attached to an existing garage and a new septic system and site grading. A portion of the proposed patio and site grading will be performed within the buffer zone of wetland bordering the pond.

The applicant's representative is Rick Charon, Charon Associates, Inc., 323 Neck Road, Rochester, MA 02770.

This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82568739249
Meeting ID: 825 6873 9249
Or Call: 1 646 876 9923
Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 4/27

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1192

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Randal G. Hutchings, prospective buyer for property located at 8 Robinson Road, identified on Assessor's Map 36, Lot 11, who is seeking a Use Variance under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., for the approval of the operation of a small, wood pallet recycling business from the property.

The public hearing will be held on May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. as a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and also on Zoom.

Copies of the application are on file at the Building Department, 37 Marion Rd. and can be viewed during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87652655931
Meeting ID: 876 5265 5931
One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923
David Arancio, Chairman 4/27, 5/4

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
WATER FLUSHING
PUBLIC NOTICE

Commencing May 1, 2023, the Town of Fairhaven will begin a town-wide unidirectional water flushing of hydrants.

Although this effort is going to take place in Fairhaven, this may also affect Mattapoisett residents who live on Acushnet Rd, Long Plain Rd, Wolf Island Rd and Fairhaven Rd.

The process of unidirectional flushing fire hydrants is an important preventive maintenance activity which will scour the inside of the pipeline, removing and then transporting silt and mineral deposits out of the water system. These procedures are necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system.

During the flushing process, it is not uncommon for a yellow, brown or reddish tint to appear in the water. These harmless mineral deposits settle in the water mains and flushing fire hydrants stir these deposits, sometimes causing a brief discoloration of the water.

The BPW will send out a location specific Rave notice when flushing will occur in your area. In addition, we will continually update our social media and website.

Here is what you should do if hydrant flushing is taking place in your neighborhood:

· If possible, avoid using water while the hydrant flushing is taking place. By not using water from the tap (cold or hot) or running appliances that use water (dishwashers and washing machines), you can prevent discolored water from entering your household plumbing system altogether.
· If you encounter discolored water following hydrant flushing, run the cold water taps only.
· Do not use hot water taps throughout your home at bathroom sinks, tubs, kitchen faucets, etc. for 5 to 15 minutes, or until water clears.
· By not using your hot water taps, this should prevent discolored water from entering your hot water system. If you do experience discolored water on your hot side:

- Run water closest to your meter which is most likely outside
- Call the Water Department at 508-979-4032
- Do not dry or use bleach on your laundry if discolored
- Use an Iron-Out product to remove stains 4/27

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number 22-WW01-0169-APP
James E. & Dale C. Barnes
NOTIFICATION DATE: May 3, 2023

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by James E. & Dale C. Barnes to construct and maintain a boat lift system at 69 Mattapoisett Neck Road, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over flowed tidelands of Mattapoisett Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the 10 residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/ (enter the project address in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact Carlos.fragata@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 413-3768 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T. B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 4/27

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by William Washburn to place fill within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage in preparation for site development at Washburn Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 69-B on Marion Assessors' Map 11. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 4/27

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by The Town of Marion Department of Public Works to install approximately 40 feet of granite at Old Landing Wharf, Front Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 12 on Marion Assessors' Map 13. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 4/27

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Laurence E. & Janet E. Reinhart to add new bay windows and new door landing & stairs to residence, install new masonry patio, remove and install retaining wall, remove and replace existing concrete boat ramp, regrade loam & seed lawn areas at 13 East Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 71 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 4/27

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Marion Community Center and Tri-Town Against Racism to present a public reading of Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? The event will take place on Saturday, **July 1** at 1:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center located at 465 Mill Street, Marion. A group discussion will follow the event, and light refreshments will be served. The MAC is recruiting participants from the SouthCoast region to participate in a group recitation of an abridged version of the famous speech, which will take approximately 50 minutes. The collaborators aim to assemble a group of 15 to 30 people representing myriad races, ethnicities, genders, ages, abilities and backgrounds that reflect the diversity found across the SouthCoast region and the country. Participants will be reading this speech from a document, so no memorization is required. Participants should have a strong speaking voice and be available for at least two rehearsals prior to the performance. Interested persons should contact MAC board member Jack Boesen. Find contact info and learn more at marionartcenter.org/rfdt-2023.

Member Appreciation Day at Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center will host MAC Member Day on Saturday, **June 3** from 2:00-4:00 pm, with a rain date on Sunday, **June 4**. The MAC will offer free ice cream, face painting by Daisy Dots, lawn games and live music by Butch McCarthy. This family-friendly event is for any and all MAC members. Those who wish to join

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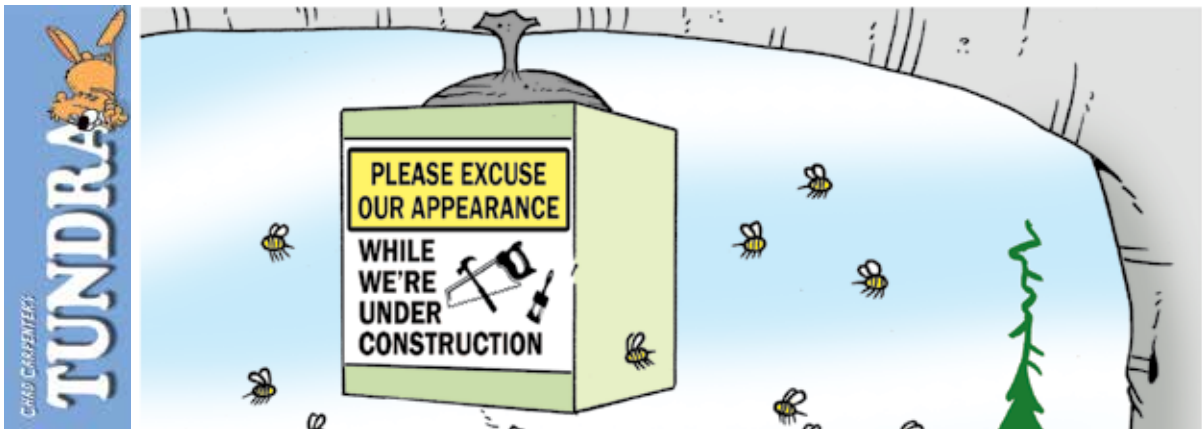
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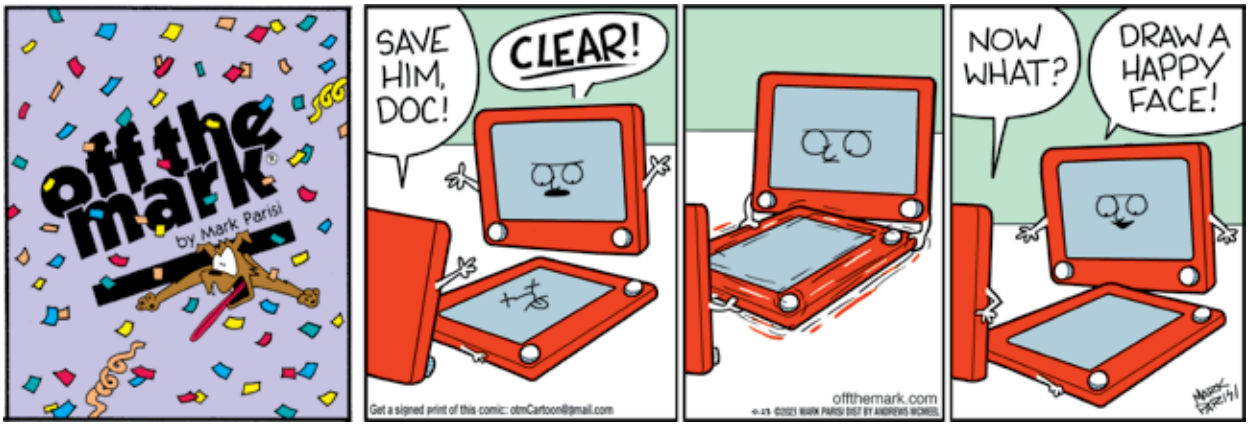
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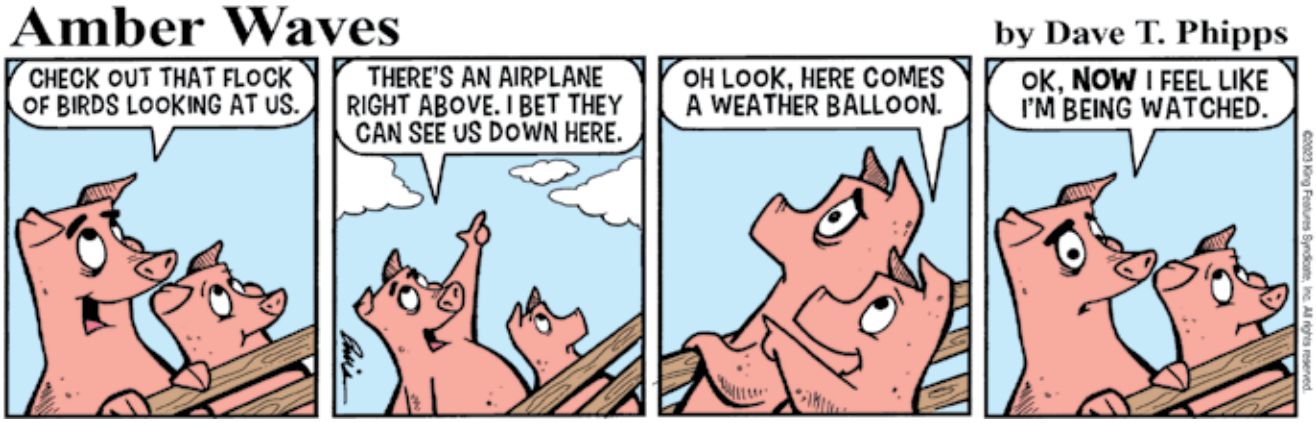
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Rochester Republican Town Committee Candidate Night

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For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252

Spring Mindfulness Walk

Spring is blooming, and energy is flowing. What a time to get outside. Join Mattapoisett Land Trust on Sunday **May 7** from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Woodcock Preserve trail for a Spring Mindfulness Walk. Park at the Tinkhamtown Woodlands parking lot on Long Plain Road. We will begin from there.

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By Connie Eshbach

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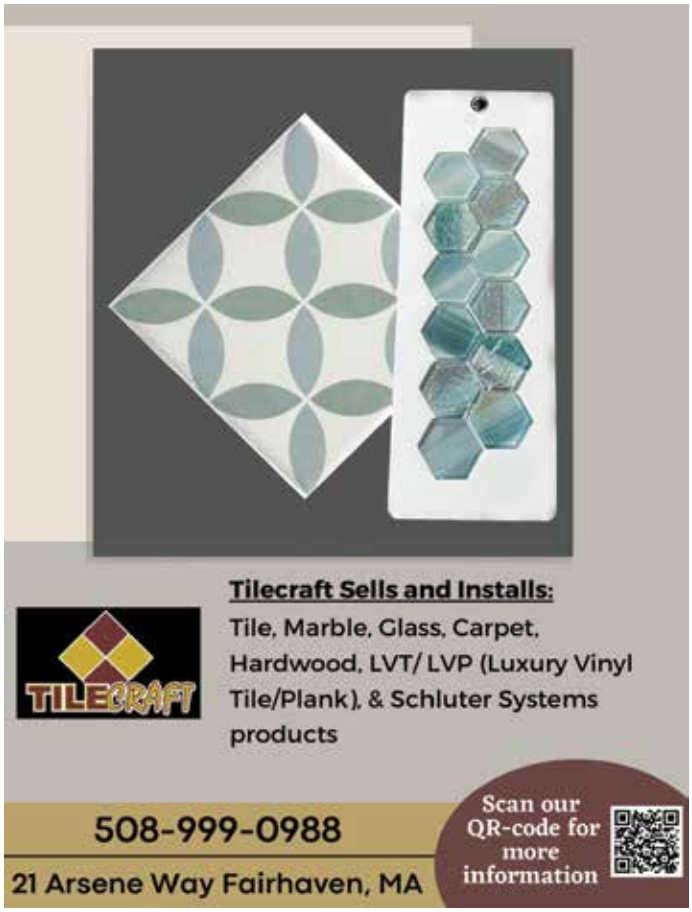

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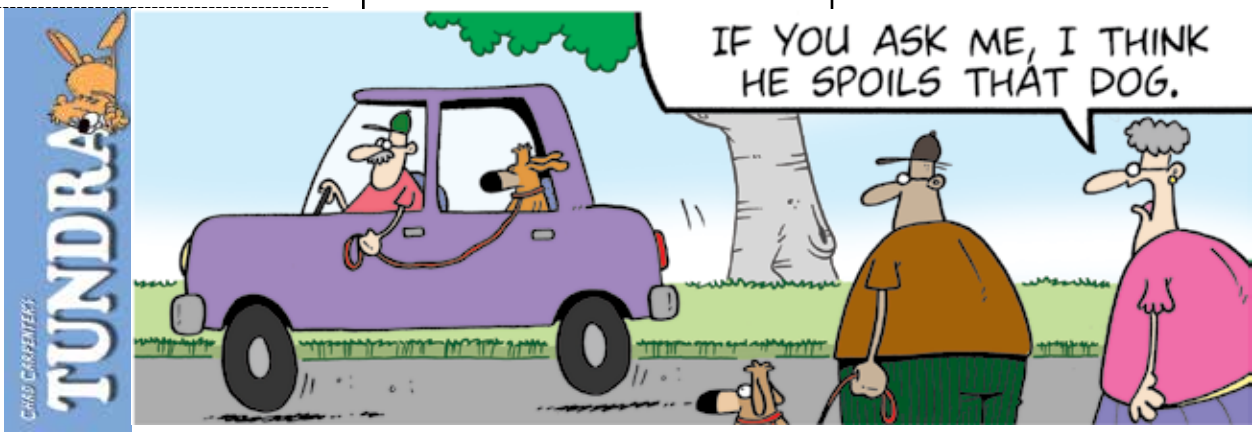

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from there. When new resolutions came from the Boston Committee, the political divide in town widened.

Samuel Sprague who had been the town's long-time representative was suspected of having Tory sympathies and being pro-England. In response to that belief, Town Meeting voted that anyone who should, "Desert the Cause of Liberty" should be looked upon as, "an Enemy to his country & be treated with Neglect and Contempt." Samuel Sprague was not reelected.

This began a series of Town Meetings in 1774 that dealt with weightier issues than concerns about wandering livestock or how many alewives each household could harvest. After the tea tax was introduced, one meeting voted to, "abstain from the use of tea." At another it was agreed, "To sign a covenant to break off trade with Great Britain."

Charles Nye was appointed to examine the town's supply of munitions and Nathan Nye, Jr. was told to, "Make up the Town stock of powder to 400 weight with Lead and Flints answerable." Those attending Town Meeting also voted to select officers to take command of military companies and that, "Every minute man (so-called) in Rochester to the number of One Hundred that shall attend Three Half Days in each week as shall be appointed by their Captain and Twice in a month in one Body to Learn the use of the Fire-licks."

These practices were held on the muster field pictured here. It's a triangular piece of land adjacent to the cemetery. The men who trained were instructed to. "Be Ready to March when needed & Equip Himself with a Good Firearm." For their participation they were entitled to one shilling a week provided by the "Provincial Congress." As the months passed and the men drilled, the colonies moved closer to war with England.

I hope you will join the Rochester Historical Commission and the Rochester Historical Society on **May**

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis

7 at 2:00 in front of Town Hall to dedicate a memorial to these men who over 200 yrs. ago fought for independence and the birth of a new country.

Buzzards Bay Water Quality Improved since 2015

In its quinquennial State of Buzzards Bay Report, the Buzzards Bay Coalition points to three drivers that led to an uptick in the overall Bay Health Score, the first increase since the organization began tracking Bay health in this way in 2003. The report's findings also caution that changes attributed to climate change, including warmer weather and rising sea levels, may soon outpace these gains.

Based on a rubric with nine criteria, a "perfect score" of 100 is based on the state of the bay as documented by European explorers at the time of colonization in 1602. Given the significant human activity that has occurred in the centuries since, the Coalition estimates that a restored, healthy Buzzards Bay would likely score a 75. The newly issued report pins today's score at 46.

According to Coalition President Mark Rasmussen, "This is the first time since we began these assessments in 2003 that we've seen the Bay Score improved. It's a win for the bay's restoration, but the score would have increased even more were it not for the damage that climate change is already having on our Bay."

Rasmussen attributes the good news regarding the bay's health to a reduction in both nitrogen and toxic pollution, pointing to actions at the federal and local levels. Ongoing attention and amendments to the Clean Air Act have helped to reduce environmental pollutants falling on the Bay from fossil fuel burning power plants and automobiles. And town-based initiatives – including an increase in sewering and requirements for nitrogen-reducing septic systems – are also helping to move the needle. He also describes the forest cover of the bay's watershed, at 76-percent, as its "secret sauce" when comparing Buzzards Bay to other, more degraded East Coast waterbodies, like the Chesapeake.

There were declines in the Watershed Health scores however, which Vice President for Watershed Protection Brendan Annett tied to an increase in development and the loss of forested lands to solar farms, "More than 600-acres of forest have been lost since 2015 to the creation of solar farms. The use of alternate energy, including solar, is key to the bay's long-term health, but we want to ensure that the development of these facilities doesn't occur adjacent to stream buffers and other forested areas that are vital to bay and watershed health."

Salt marsh loss has also contributed to lower Watershed Health scores, which Coalition's Vice President for Bay Science Rachel Jakuba, Ph.D. attributes to climate change- driven rising sea level as well as human-made alterations. She also warns about the impacts of rising water temperatures on the local environment, "Warming water caused by climate change is creating a more welcoming environment for bacteria and will – over time – make it more difficult for living resources like eelgrass, bay scallops and river herring to thrive." Eelgrass serves as a vital habit for a broad range of marine life, including bay scallops, while river herring are a "foundation fish," an important part of the bay's ecosystem on which striped bass, bluefish and other sportfish feed.

A complete copy of the report may be found at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/about-us/publications/state-of-buzzards-bay/. Hard copies of the report are also available by emailing info@savebuzzardsbay.org.

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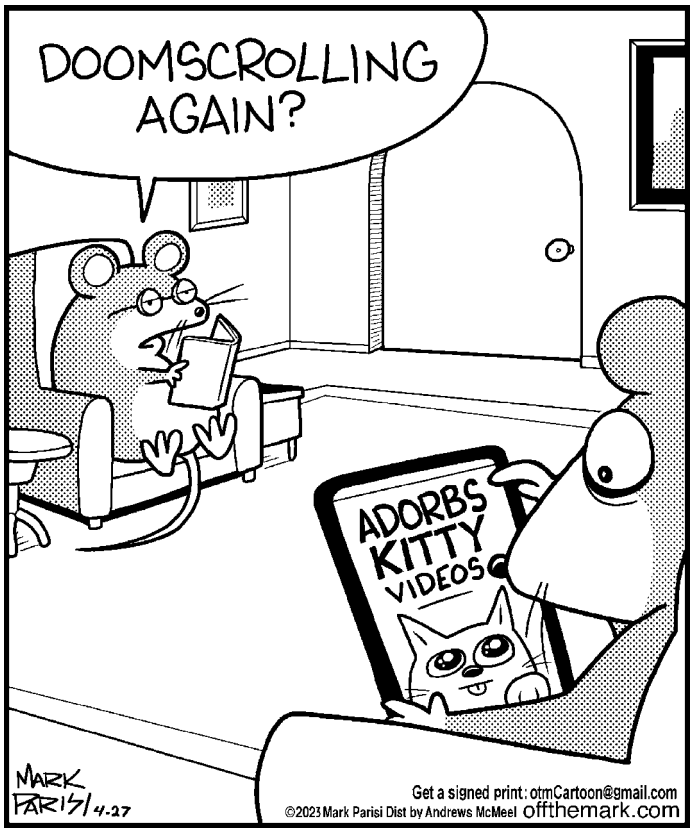

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	April 27	2:03	2:34	8:15	7:48
Friday	April 28	2:55	3:27	9:42	9:14
Saturday	April 29	3:50	4:24	10:32	10:29
Sunday	April 30	4:47	5:18	11:09	11:22
Monday	May 1	5:38	6:04	11:42	
Tuesday	May 2	6:21	6:45	12:07	12:14
Wednesday	May 3	7:01	7:23	12:49	12:46
Thursday	May 4	7:41	8:01	1:30	1:20
Friday	May 5	8:22	8:41	2:11	1:56
Saturday	May 6	9:06	9:24	2:53	2:36
Sunday	May 7	9:52	10:10	3:35	3:18
Monday	May 8	10:41	11:01	4:18	4:02
Tuesday	May 9	11:35	11:57	5:02	4:50
Wednesday	May 10		12:32	5:52	5:42
Thursday	May 11	12:57	1:32	6:55	6:47
Friday	May 12	1:58	2:32	8:31	8:19
Saturday	May 13	2:58	3:33	9:49	10:12
Sunday	May 14	4:01	4:37	10:41	11:22

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	April 27th
	Full Moon	May 5th
	Last Quarter	May 12th
	New Moon	May 19th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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In the April 20, 2023 edition the Aardvark was on page 3

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Permit 2. Alter; 3. Escape; 4. Almost

Today's Word

SMART

Sudoku Answer

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7	8	5	4	3	9	2	6	1
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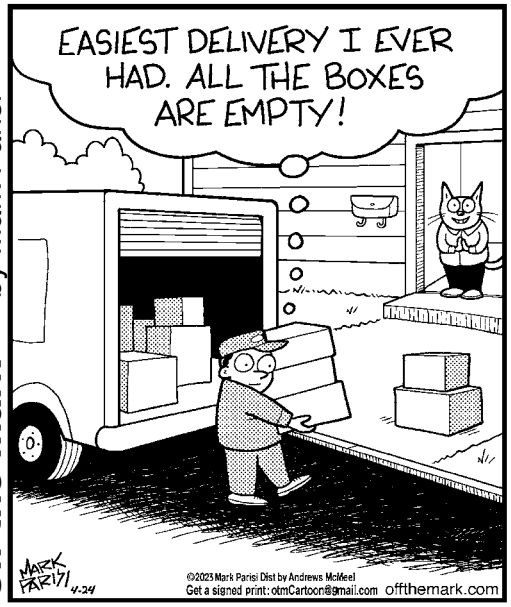

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